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**CASTLELAND'S
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GLADSTONE SCHOOL PUPILS RECENTLY GOT
THE CHANCE TO HIT THE SURF.
(FOR THE FULL STORY, TURN TO PAGE 6)

FareShare is a lifesaver for local people in need

A BARRY community centre is helping local residents in need – by taking part in the FareShare scheme, which provides people with free groceries.

The project has been piloted by Tesco and ensures that unsold food

by **GEM REPORTER**

does not go to waste.

Eileen Moore, the manager of Castleland Community Centre, told The GEM that people in genuine need can turn up at one of two sessions.

"We now have free groceries on

Friday each week, together with our regular Wednesday slot.

"People can come along to the centre on Wednesday from 2pm to 4 pm, or on Friday from 2 pm to 4 pm.

"We were asked to participate in the scheme by Tesco and were given a choice of when to collect food – we decided to on Tuesday for Wednesday distribution, and Thursday for Friday's session."

Eileen praised the supermarket chain for the initiative.

"It shows residents in Barry that it is supporting the local community."

"Daniel, the manager of Tesco, at Highlight Park and the community

development officer, Adele, have been very helpful and supportive."

Craig, the area manager, has also promised to provide food and drinks for the community centre's Christmas dinner.

Castleland Community Centre's many activities are organised thanks to a dedicated, tight knit band of local volunteers.

Eileen said: "The groceries on Wednesday and Friday are free and there is no criteria – except being in genuine need."

"People who come are made to feel very welcome because the volunteers create a comfortable friendly atmosphere."

Over 90 people attended one distribution session recently.

End of line for local litter louts?

THE Vale Council is promising a crackdown on litter louts and people who fail to clear up after their dogs – an initiative starts in October.

Vale Leader, Coun Neil Moore, said: "The council are bringing in new enforcement officers during October to

deal with littering, dog fouling, fly-tipping and other environmental offences.

"These specialist officers will start work and will be issuing on-the-spot fines of £75 to offenders."

For more on this, turn to the Vale Leader's column on page 8.

GEM READERS' SYMPATHY FOR ARMY VETERAN'S APPEAL

LAST week, The GEM featured Robert Adams, a former soldier, on the front page. He called for a drop-in centre for Armed Forces' veterans.

There was an immediate and positive response from readers.

One said she was keen to help a veterans' group; another said she might be able to furnish veterans with somewhere to meet on a regular basis.

Another man said discussions were ongoing in providing a meeting place and somewhere support services could provide advice for veterans.

The GEM will let readers know how things develop.

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Road safety 'a must'

THE Vale Council will not improve safety on Eglwys Brewis Road, despite a teacher already having lost their life on this dangerous stretch.

The road is in a bad state of decay and primarily children walk this route. I wholly support parents' and other residents' calls for this road to be made safer.

I contacted the Vale Council on this matter and was given a rather comprehensive response that can be summed up

by saying that it has had the road signed off as safe, due to the speed limit being 40mph.

Sadly, they did not respond to my comments about the poor quality of the road, such as flora overgrowth, potholes and soil encroachment creating poor road conditions, which increases the level of danger.

I'm very disheartened to find the Vale Council are not willing to improve the road safety. **Coun David A Elston, St Athan Community Council, Flemington and Eglwys Brewis ward.**

Lessons can be learnt from BHS

IHAVE an acquaintance who votes Conservative and told me of her disgust at the Sir Phillip Green scandal – and how sorry she felt for the thousands of lives ruined.

I attempted to explain that if she believed her facts were accurate, she had a clear duty to urge her elected Government to legislate – so that no other single person, good or bad, could attain such destructive power over thousands of other lives.

But I could see that I

Report General but not Actual!

Ivehemently agree with readers Mr Harkus and Mr Reed's recent succinct sentiments. I myself find the Auditor's report lacking in transparency, to say the least.

There is no mention whatsoever about one "expensive" sub-contractor (retained since 1975). Where there is one could there be others?

The ongoing sheer wastage and squandering of substantial amounts of public money by a public authority highlights that the internal Auditor General reports are literally 'General' ... but not remotely 'Actual'.

No wonder 'ridiculously insane' cuts are having to be made elsewhere!

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'The Vale leaders should abandon badly-flawed LDP'

BLAMING the LDP Inspector for allocating 576 houses at Upper Cosmeston Farm won't wash (The GEM, September 22).

Coun Burnett must share the blame on several counts: she wanted far more houses than the Welsh Government projection for the Vale – 44 per cent more – saying, "We are ambitious". By "we," she meant Vale Labour Party leaders.

They decided to focus new housing on green fields in the south-east Vale, rather than,

for example, the brownfield site at Llandow's old airport.

They told the Inspector they wouldn't need any new road capacity to take all the car traffic, but will facilitate cycling to Cardiff – and, possibly, run buses from Park and Ride at Cosmeston via the barrage.

They don't need extra capacity on our overloaded Barry and Penarth trains; they don't need to get buses through the Redlands and Windsor Road congestion; they just cross their fingers and plan to duck out before carmageddon arrives.

What now, with the

Inspector proposals worked up with the Vale officers? The Labour leaders could recant over the 44 per cent oversupply of housing sites.

They could say planning homes without transport to jobs and services is quite contrary to "sustainable development".

They could insist the Inspector heeds local people's strong objections. And they could vote to abandon this badly-flawed LDP – just like councillors did recently in Caerphilly. **Max Wallis, Barry, Friends of the Earth, Barry and Vale.**

Empire-building at Cardiff Bay?

IN 1979, the Welsh Assembly vote was thrown out by three to one. In 1999, Carmarthen had to come in with 98.6 per cent to swing it.

I feel the Assembly was thrown out twice. Can we have a third vote, when it could be buried for good?

They want the 60 AMs to increase to 80, and the civil service would then go up to 13,000. It used to be called 'empire-building' in the 1950s - 60s. **Mr Richard Thomas, Barry.**

'Heading for the wilderness?'

WITH the re-election of Jeremy Corbyn many are asking if the Labour Party is now heading for the wilderness.

Many are suggesting that Labour will be out of power for at least ten years or more. Could it be the case that the party is facing catastrophic defeat to the Tories at the next general election?

Another hammer blow is that Labour has sunk to its lowest poll ratings in seven years, now trailing 15 points behind the Tories. Many people think that Corbyn's

proposed cuts to defence and his immigration policies are deeply unpopular.

He has the right values for the job, including honesty and integrity, but does not come across as a natural leader. He is just not strong enough to get his party back in order and reunite the deep divisions within it.

He would also have to work extremely hard to win over left-wing voters from the Greens, Plaid Cymru and the SNP. But the question is can he win over 'middle England' to get into No. 10?

Coun Richard Bertin, (Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council).

'Let's back Britain!'

PLEASE can we confine the EU Referendum to the history books, and look at a bigger picture of the world?

Do we really want to be associated with countries that make fun of our food?

Let's stick to the Commonwealth and others. Disrespect from Europe goes back to resentment in the aftermath of two World Wars.

Euro this and Euro that – what about buying British?

Start making British cars and motorbikes etc again in this country and let our country be truly independent.

Nigel Lloyd, Barry.

'Stop moaning and accept the EU vote'

READING recent letters from those in the Remain camp regarding the EU vote, I wish they would just accept the result.

A recent contributor stated that some of the Brexiters are having second thoughts about the wisdom of their votes.

Well, sir, I voted out and most certainly do not regret it.

I voted out because the EU is corrupt and undemocratic.

Perhaps some people may have forgotten the disgraceful decision by

the EU in 2005, when Ireland and The Netherlands voted no against the Lisbon treaty.

This wasn't good enough for the EU, so they made them vote again, until they got the result they wanted.

Your writer also suggested that leaders of Brexit lied – he must have forgotten that David Cameron forecast a third world war; and that George Osborne forecast higher interest rates – and thousands of job losses.

As 17.4 million people voted out, Remoaners should stop moaning and accept it. **D J Radford, Barry.**

FREE TRADE AND BRITAIN'S DEFICIT

A LETTER in The GEM on September 22 refers to the number of French and German cars pouring into Britain and asserts that we buy a lot more from them than they do from us.

That is an absolutely correct assertion. But it's precisely because we buy more from the EU than they do from us, that we have a negative trade deficit; and if a free trade agreement cannot be secured, that deficit will worsen, to Britain's disadvantage. Certainly, other

countries will be 'friendly' towards us, but none is going to sacrifice its own trade advantage just to prop up Britain; this country no longer manufactures or produces what they already obtain elsewhere.

To hope that other countries will throw away tried and tested trade agreements, just to please Britain, is hoping for manna from heaven.

Indeed, the reluctance to call article 50, itself indicates that those in the know are aware that Brexit is a disadvantage, and are trying to buy time.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

'Three storeys bad planning on the Waterfront'

IAM dismayed to find that the new Waterfront development includes three-storey properties so close to our splendid coastline.

Visitors to Barry Island, either by train or via Harbour Road, will be greeted by rows of these eyesores.

Surely planners should have opted for something more aesthetically pleasing on the eye, for example a collection of well-planned bungalows?

After losing one of our lovely headlands to housing, it seems like the badly-planned march of time continues unabated.

Malcolm Wilson, Barry.

COST OF A PINT

YESTERDAY, I had the pleasure of having a new £5 note in my right hand; in my left hand, I held a 1914 half crown (still legal tender until 1971); there were eight half crowns in every pound, which would make 40 in a £5 pound note.

In 1950, just out of the army (aged 20), I could buy and drink four pints of cider (scrumpy) in the Rose and Crown, Kingsway, Cardiff, and have 2d change.

Now this £5 note will not even buy you two pints.

Makes you think!
Vivian Nethercott, Rhiwbina.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
29 Thur	06.16	9.3	18.34	9.6
30 Fri	06.55	9.8	19.12	9.9
01 Sat	07.31	9.9	19.46	10.0
02 Sun	08.03	9.8	20.17	9.8
03 Mon	08.32	9.7	20.46	9.7
04 Tues	09.01	9.6	21.13	9.5
05 Wed	09.32	9.3	21.44	9.2
06 Thur	09.59	9.0	22.15	8.9

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'People heading on train for the Island are getting stranded at Rhoose station'

A regular train user has claimed that unwary passengers are getting stranded at Rhoose Station when their destination is Barry Island and that an extra announcement would help solve the problem.

Arriva Trains told The GEM it would feed back the man's comments to 'conductor management' because it was always anxious to improve its services.

The train user explained that people can be travelling on the mainline from Cardiff to Bridgend, which takes in Grangetown, Cogan,

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Dinas Powys, Cadoston, Barry Dock, Barry – but not the Island – and then on to Rhoose.

At Cardiff, there is an announcement of the station stops, but thereafter some people get on board, assuming the train will end up on the Island, but find themselves heading for Rhoose after the stop in Barry town.

The commuter told The GEM: "People getting on the train after Cardiff sometimes don't realise it is a main line service and think it will go to the Island, but they find themselves stranded

at Rhoose and having an hour's wait to come back.

"I know of a youngster who had to be collected by his mum down in Rhoose, and on that day there was a fellow pupil of his school there who had done the same thing.

"If a train is heading on for Rhoose, Llantwit Major and Bridgend, there should be an announcement as it approaches Barry station that people need to change for Island."

He added that one of his customers, who was visiting his business in Barry, had done the same

thing.

An Arriva Trains Wales spokesperson explained:

"Train destination information can be found at the front of the train and on the electronic customer information screens on the platform.

"Conductors are required to make announcements at connectional stations, but this is not always possible on busy services.

"However, we will feed this comment back to conductor management, as we are always striving to improve customer experience on our services."

Proposals on the table for mixed secondary schools

AN extraordinary meeting of the Vale Council's learning and culture scrutiny committee will be held on October 3 to discuss the proposals to establish two new mixed secondary schools in Barry, which are currently the subject of a public consultation.

The plans under consideration would see £44m invested into two new schools in Barry which would replace Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools.

A total of 11.5m has been earmarked for

Barry road closure causes diversions

CARDIFF Bus is alerting customers to diverted services due to a road closure in Barry.

For approximately four weeks (from Monday, September 26), the bus operator's 93, 94 and 95 services will be diverted, due to the closure of Langlands Road.

These services will be re-routed via Dobbins Road and Coldbrook Road East in both directions during the closure and customers wishing to catch the bus in this area can do so along the diverted route. Gareth Stevens,

commercial manager at Cardiff Bus, said: "The closure of Langlands Road will inevitably cause some disruptions to our services. We apologise for any inconvenience caused due to circumstances beyond our control.

"Customers are advised to check our website and Twitter account @cardiffbus for updated information."

For more information visit www.cardiffbus.com and Cardiff Bus' Facebook and Twitter accounts @cardiffbus or call 029 2066 6444, for service updates.

Lunch and learn

TROS GYNNAL PLANT, one of the Penarth Town Mayor's chosen charities, has been helping vulnerable and disadvantaged Welsh children, young people and their families since 2002.

The Welsh charity has its head office in Cardiff and projects across Wales offer advocacy, participation, counselling, family group meetings and conflict resolution.

(Contact rafep@trosgynnalplant.org.uk to find out more about the charity).

Fundraising events include 'Ladies Lunch and Learn' at The Windsor in Penarth on October 10, with a wine tasting session, wine quiz and two-course lunch.

Call Karen on 02920 396974, or email her on karen.jones@trosgynnalplant.org.uk for details.

investment into buildings currently occupied by Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School and £32.5m for a new school building and a centre of behavioural excellence on the Barry Comprehensive School site.

Both new schools would have a capacity of 1,100 places.

Any member of the public not employed by or a governor of either school, or related to an employee or governor, is able to make representations to the committee. Written representations can also be submitted.

Following the meeting, the committee can make recommendations to cabinet for their consideration and these will be considered alongside responses to the public consultation.

Trade union representatives and the chairs of the board of governors at the comprehensive schools and all associated feeder schools have also been invited to attend the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting must contact Karen Bowen at the council's democratic services team before 12 noon on Friday, September 30. This can be done by email to kbowen@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by calling 01446 709856. The agenda for the meeting is available online.

Proposals for the future of English medium education in Barry can be viewed on the council's website.

COUNCILLOR'S CONCERN OVER NURSERY PLAN

PLAID Cymru councillor Ian Johnson has raised concerns about plans for a town centre nursery on Barry's busy Tynewydd Road.

The plans involve the building at 19 Tynewydd Road that was recently vacated by First Grade Care.

Councillors at Barry Town Council's September planning committee meeting were told that the proposed site was close to a busy roundabout with Wyndham Street and there were double yellow lines outside the property.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "It isn't up to a planning committee to decide what need there is for nurseries and day care in Barry, but we do have to decide if the change of use from an office to a nursery is sensible in this location.

"Being in the town centre is not in itself bad, but being placed right on a busy roundabout and double yellow lines means that this is not a safe place for dropping off and picking up young children.

"I hope that the owners of the proposed nursery reconsider if this is the most appropriate location for their business."



Jane Hutt presents Eileen Moore with a bouquet as a 'thank you' for her devoted service to the local community over many years. See more photos on page 34.

Castleland concert proves a fitting farewell for local community worker Eileen

THE rain stayed away for the Concert in the Park at Belvedere Crescent, Castleland on Saturday, with singing from the Barry Tenovus Sing with Us Choir, the Vale People First Real Lives Choir and Young People's Rap Group and South Wales Police Band.

Jane Hutt AM joined the Vale Mayor, Coun Stuart Egan at the event and said: "It was a memorable and poignant concert, with the Tenovus Barry 'Sing with Us' Choir performing brilliantly followed by Real Lives Choir and South Wales Police Band.

"But we were sad to say goodbye to Eileen Moore who, after 18 years serving the community is retiring to her home town of Liverpool."

She leaves the Castleland Community Centre with great prospects having secured a £45k grant from the Waterloo Foundation to employ a Community Centre Manager after undertaking that role

voluntarily for so long. She will be greatly missed and we thank her for all she has done in the community in Wales."

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Cecil Townsend with his giant vegetables outside the Three Horseshoes, Dinas Powys.

AFTER the recent Dinas Powys village show, Cecil Townsend, well-known for show success, displayed his selection of giant vegetables outside The Three Horseshoes in the centre of Dinas Powys.

This was the third year in succession he had done this in support of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern (DPVC).

Members of the public were invited to guess the total weight of his giant pumpkins, swedes, carrots and marrows at £1 a time.

The winner with the closest guess to the actual weight of 364lbs 8oz was Hywel Jones, the local chemist.

Hywel took home a selection of these vegetables.

This year, the annual event raised more than £210 for DPVC, a charity helping the elderly and vulnerable in their befriending and transport schemes.

The chairman of DPVC, John Fanshaw, thanked Cecil for supporting DPVC once again.

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Local author writes book which serves as tribute to a top British stage school



Ian Closier-Hawkins.

AN author, who lives at Rhose Point, has written a book about The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in London, and it features reminiscences from the likes of Judi Dench, Kevin Whately, James Purefoy and Welsh star John Owen-Jones.

Ian Closier-Hawkins told The GEM: "More than 120 high profile alumni of The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama shared their memories of the school with me."

"It is entitled *Royal*

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Central: A collection of memories, and I compiled it over a period of 18 months.

"I contacted some of the school's best-known graduates and encouraged them to reflect on their training and contribute quotes for the volume.

"The publication of the limited-edition was timed to coincide with the school's 110th anniversary and contains over eight decades of memories – dating back to the early 1940s.

"The final product includes the intimate recollections of over a hundred industry

luminaries who took part in the project, including Wendy Craig, Dame Judi Dench, James Faulkner, Sonia Friedman, Andrew Garfield, Nickolas Grace, Helen Lederer, John Owen-Jones, Richard Pilbrow, James Purefoy, Patsy Rodenburg, Stephen Tompkinson, Zoë Wanamaker and Kevin Whately."

Ian, who studied stage management at 'Central', was delighted that the school's president Michael Grandage was kind enough to provide a foreword to the book.

One of the reminiscences of Dame Judi Dench involved one of Hollywood's greatest stars.

Dame Judi recalled: "Central was based at the Royal Albert Hall. During the time I was there, films were often shot in and around the building. I remember cutting a lecture one day to go and watch James Stewart filming; he passed us in the corridor and said 'Hello' – what a treat!"

The book is a special limited edition (£25) and can be ordered by emailing Ian at: ianandrewhawkins@hotmail.com.

Publicity taken down last year and this year Rhose Art Group keen to welcome visitors this Saturday – despite local killjoy removing posters

MEMBERS of Rhose Art Group have been left "frustrated" that someone has taken down the publicity posters for their key event of the year which takes place this Saturday, October 1, at the community centre in Stewart Road. It is the group's annual exhibition and runs from 11am until 5pm.

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Dee Finch of Rhose Art Group said: "We put up a number of posters in Rhose and the Vale publicising the event because we don't have money for advertising."

"They were placed at strategic points and five of them have been taken down. It is very frustrating. The same thing happened last year."

Members are perplexed as to why a

killjoy has spent their time taking down the information. No-one has contacted them to explain why they were taken down.

On Saturday, local artists will be displaying around 100

pictures. Entry is 50p, but that includes tea and a biscuit. There will also be homemade cakes and a raffle.

The group meets regularly on Wednesdays at St Peter's Church in Rhose (1.30pm - 4.30pm) and welcomes people of all abilities.

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BARRY FATHER NOMINATED FOR A TOP 'CARE AWARD'

A NEW dad from Barry, who juggles the demands of parenthood with a second family of elderly care home residents, has been shortlisted for a national care industry award.

Stephen Ivins, a maintenance and health and safety officer at The Romilly Nursing Home in Pontcanna, Cardiff, works around the clock to ensure his residents have the best living environment possible – including personalising the décor of their bedrooms to create a home from home.

The 42-year-old, who is often called out of his bed in the middle of the night to fix unforeseen maintenance problems, has had a few more interrupted nights since the birth of his son Brodie Ivins, 16 months ago, but admits he wouldn't change his job for the world.

And the long hours and devotion have proved worth it now that the first time dad has been nominated for one of the care industry's most celebrated accolades.

Stephen, a former Ely Rangers footballer, has been nominated for the Social Care Health and Safety Award.

The prestigious national awards, run by Care Forum Wales, acknowledge the hard work and exceptional performances of those in the care sector and are widely regarded as the 'Oscars' of the

care industry.

As a finalist, Stephen will now attend a glittering awards ceremony at City Hall in Cardiff on Friday, October 21.

Stephen, who used to manage youth football teams for Cardiff Hibernian FC, as well as play in the adult team, has been working at Romilly Nursing Home for the past eight years.

MAGIC CUPBOARD

His 'uncomplaining' approach to his work and his effort to get to know the people he works with to find out what makes them happy has made him a hit with staff and residents.

His colleagues are convinced he has a 'magic cupboard' full of homely ornaments and interior flourishes to create whatever bedroom environment his residents need.

He explained: "When you decorate the rooms and put all the things they find nice and comforting and personal, it's very rewarding," he admitted.

"It's the small things that make them happy. I've gone to get personal watches fixed, take blood samples to the surgery, you name it. It's quite a wide ranging job."

"I'm quite excited about being nominated. It's nice to be recognised for what you do and we do work very hard."

Stephen, who lives with his partner Gemma, admits the only time he is unpopular with the residents is when he has to test the

fire drill.

"They all love me for that!" he joked.

"We have to test the horizontal and vertical evacuation procedures which involve getting people down the stairs on sledges."

"I've had call outs myself at 3am and I'm kept rather busy. The last time it happened, my son luckily stayed asleep. I've had other phone calls where I've woken the whole house up but luckily my partner is very good and understanding."

"All the residents and staff know me as 'Bob' and have me on speed dial from the doctors to the managers. My phone goes about 100 times a day and I have to prioritise the work."

Stephen will be accompanied by Gemma on the gala awards night and is looking forward to the occasion.

"I'm very competitive, I'd love to win but it's out of my hands," he said.

In nominating Stephen for his award, Kate Stephens, registered manager of the home, said: "Steve works tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of residents, staff and visitors to the home is at the forefront of their daily lives, often working additional hours without complaining and always with a smile."

"I have nominated Steve Ivins as without him, I feel that The Romilly Nursing Home would be a different place."



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Penarth Youth Action recruitment drive

PENARTH Youth Action (PYA) – the youth council for Penarth – has embarked on a recruitment drive for new members from local secondary schools

and youth organisations.

members aged between 11 and 18 years old, who have been elected or nominated by their schools or youth organisations to represent their peers and young people in Penarth.

It is a partnership project between the Vale Youth Service and the Penarth Town Council, and has provided a forum for young people to express their views and take action to improve their town.

Examples of projects and schemes the youngsters have worked

on include collecting and presenting the views of young people on proposals for a north Penarth pub and attending town council meetings to present feedback directly to councillors.

If you are a young person aged between 11 and 18, or work with young people in this age range, and would be interested in being involved with this project, please contact Geraint Evans at valeyouthaction@gmail.com or 02920 701254.

GLADSTONE STUDENTS HIT THE SURF SAFELY!



YEAR-6 children at Gladstone Primary School had a day to remember when they took part in the RNLI 'Hit the Surf' scheme at Barry Island last week.

Hit the Surf is a lifesaving course giving theory and practical lessons in surfing and beach safety. The programme is run by trained lifeguards who give the children real examples of life threatening situations and how to get out of trouble in and around the sea.

Kirsty Lindley, year-6 teacher, said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we would like to thank all the lifeguards from the RNLI Barry Island."



***Oxfam's
bumper
record
collection!***

THE third record promotion organised by the Oxfam shop in Penarth will start on Tuesday, October 11 at 10.30am and will be the biggest yet.

The first two promotions were extremely well attended and over £2,500 raised for Oxfam's work at home and abroad.

On sale will be 270 collectible rock, pop, folk and jazz LPs, ranging from Kiss to the BBC Radiophonic Workshop. All have been carefully graded and priced from £4.99. There will also be 150 singles for collectors to buy, starting at 99p.

Jayne Luxton the shop manager, said: "After the success of our last two promotions, when we raised over £ 2,500, I am looking forward to this year's promotion especially as we have the largest number of LPs on sale.

"We have built up a good customer base of vinyl collectors over the last few years and there was a great buzz in the shop on the first few days last year.

"So I advise customers to drop in as soon as they can. We are always grateful for records donated by our supporters and we are determined to raise as much money as possible from their donations.

"We look forward to seeing customers old and new at the record promotion."

Anyone with vinyl records of any kind that they would like to donate to Oxfam for the promotion, can drop them off at the shop in Windsor Street, Penarth; along with donations of CDs, music books, sheet music and musical instruments. Large collections can be picked up by arrangement, by telephoning 02920 706358.

CRAFTS FAIR
ON Saturday,
November 12 a craft
fair will be held in the
meeting rooms of
Trinity Methodist
Church, Penarth
between 10.30am and
4pm.

Homemade baked goods all day, and demonstrations of various crafts in the afternoon.

Tables will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis so book your table as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Refreshments, a raffle, and new and used books. Entry is free. To reserve a table or for more information (or to donate a raffle prize) contact Ceri-Lou at fundraising@trinitypenarth.org.uk or call Ro on 01446 701072

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DINAS POWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL MARK 'FANTASTIC' ESTYN REPORT

DINAS POWYS Primary School headteacher, Julie Thompson, was joined by the school's staff and governors recently – to celebrate the school's first Estyn Inspection report since it opened in 2015, following an amalgamation of Dinas Powys Infant and Murch Junior School.

In the report, the school's prospects for improvement were rated as "excellent" – the highest grade available – while the pupils were also stated as having high standards of well-being, a broad curriculum of stimulating topics to study and all benefiting from a rich learning environment.

This was said to be complemented by excellent leadership and good teaching, with the senior leadership team identified as playing a significant role in promoting a professional learning culture.

Chair of governors, Jill Davies, congratulated the school's "fantastic" inspection report.

Also present was the Vale Council deputy leader and cabinet member for regeneration and education, Lis Burnett, as well as the council's head of achievement, David Davies.



Monthly round-up from Friends and Neighbours

A very successful September meeting was held at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall.

The speaker, Cardiff Buses operational manager Richard Davies gave members a presentation on Cardiff Buses and its aims for the future.

Members of Friends and Neighbours then had the opportunity to ask him questions, which involved all areas of Vale, including Barry, Sully Wenvoe and Rhosue.

Staff from the offices of Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt were present to give relevant feedback.

Gay gave a vote of thanks to Richard Davies and Coun Stuart Egan, the Vale Mayor, was also invited.

She wished Ernie Burt and Jean Lewis all the very best for their forthcoming marriage on Saturday. They had met through Friends and Neighbours, and were clapped and cheered and wished every happiness.

Members perused the amended programme and are looking forward to a ploughman's lunch in October and visit to Bloom's Garden Centre for Christmas lunch in November.

For more information about the group, contact 01446 400044.

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Headteacher Julie Thompson (front) was joined by Coun Lis Burnett and others to celebrate the school's excellent Estyn Inspection report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Macmillan coffee

A MACMILLAN coffee morning will be held at Golau Caredig, Gladstone Road, Barry, at 10am this Friday, September 30.

It will be hosted by Jane Hutt AM, Barry Community Choir will perform throughout the morning and Waitrose will be offering free cheese tasting.

Rhosue Art Group

AN exhibition and sale of paintings and cards, plus a 'sale' table and homemade cake stall, takes place on Saturday, October 1 from 11am to 5pm at the Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhosue. Admission 50p.

Penarth's family-run firm celebrates 30th anniversary

THE only independent family-run funeral home in Penarth in the Vale of Glamorgan is marking its 30th anniversary.

For a company to have enjoyed such longevity is no longer a given in this day and age with many new start-ups, and so to have a local family-owned and run independent funeral home reaching such a milestone is quite an achievement.

Joan Paines, the owner of Penarth Funeral Directors, bought the building, which was once a farm, in 1986. Now she is owner and managing director, and her son, Tony, is the operations manager.

Mrs Paines explained: "As other funeral directors are aware, due to the decline in churchgoing generally, we have seen more families request the services of a humanist celebrant; and it is more common these days to have just a few floral tributes with charitable donations offered as a more practical tribute.

"The other notable change has been in the more bespoke elements of a funeral that are requested, such as custom-made coffins (for example, bamboo and wicker, or bespoke designs) and personal items of significance to the deceased or the family being displayed at the funeral. And with people looking to plan for their futures, pre-paid funerals are gaining in popularity."

Penarth Funeral Directors themselves have recognised their responsibility in giving something back to the community that has supported them over the last 30 years by donating to a different local charity each month.

They have also been appointed an official drop-off point for the 'Help For Heroes' 'Stockings for Heroes/Operation Christmas Cheer' Appeal.

Penarth Funeral Directors, 30 Hickman Road, Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan, CF64 2AL; www.penarthfuneraldirectors.com; enquiries@penarthfuneraldirectors.com; 02920 703581.



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Joan Paines, the owner and Managing Director of Penarth Funeral Directors bought the building in 1986. Tony, her son is the Operations Manager who works very closely with his mother in all aspects of the business. Tony has recently returned to full duties following a successful kidney donation to his sister, Leigh-Anne. Both have made a full recovery and are looking forward to a healthy future.

Mrs Paines is rightfully proud of the strong standing and good reputation that the funeral home has in the community and much of that comes down to the staff, some of whom have been with the company for well over 15 years. "Our staff are loyal, smartly presented and thoroughly professional. They take pride in ensuring that a dignified and personal service is provided to all the families we work with. We have recently added to our staff, Ceri-Lou Newman, who will soon qualify as a Certified Funeral Practitioner following her studies through the Independent Funeral Directors College."

The funeral home has recently refurbished one of their reception rooms, updated all three chapels of rest and the mortuary facilities, where the deceased are cared for by Joan, Tony and their staff. The funeral home also has its own private chapel accommodating up to 50 people, where a more intimate funeral service can be held.



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'A pro-active plan for council services, education and leisure'

IT seems to me that there is only one place in which to start this month's column. Many GEM readers will already be aware that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has been ranked as the highest performing local authority in Wales – for the second year running.

This report comes from the Local Government Data Unit Wales, which publishes an annual bulletin of Local Government Performance, outlining the performance of all Welsh authorities across a range of national indicators.

I know that this has been extensively reported, but I believe it is news that bears repeating, particularly as it comes following the very positive corporate assessment by the Wales Audit Office.

I am sure that some opposition councillors will, and probably have, already made counter-claims, but the independent auditors don't make things up and base their assessment on facts and actual data.

Like everyone at the council, I was delighted to see our high performance recognised once again, particularly as my cabinet colleagues and I are driven by the knowledge that our services have a direct impact on the quality of life experienced by all residents of the Vale.

After topping the table last year, I said that we could not be complacent and must push ourselves to do even better in the future.

This is exactly what has happened. We have not just maintained our position, but have, in fact, improved our performance in more than half of the areas reviewed.

This recognition also comes only two weeks after the council was praised by the Local Government Secretary Mark Drakeford AM, and the Auditor General for Wales, Huw Vaughan Thomas for its

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by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
Glamorgan
Council

"overwhelmingly positive" corporate assessment by the Wales Audit Office – and this has ensured that those of us responsible for taking the council forward are relishing the challenges to come.

None of this would have been possible without our amazing staff, so once again, I would like to thank them for their determination and commitment – but, yet again, we realise that we need to do more.

This will get harder, particularly with diminishing resources but I am confident the journey of improvement will continue and we will all use our best endeavour in doing so.

Schools plans
ONE of these endeavours will most certainly be working to ensure that all pupils in the Vale of Glamorgan are educated in the best possible learning environment.

Currently, a public consultation is under way on the council's proposal to invest £44m into two new mixed-sex secondary schools for Barry, which will replace the existing single sex Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools and would open in September 2018.

The proposals have been developed by working with the pupils, headteachers, chairs of governors, parents, representatives of local primary schools, and those in the further and higher education sector.

I believe they represent the very best way of improving and modernising schooling in Barry. However, it is the opinion of parents, pupils, and local

residents that will be the deciding factor, so I urge anyone who has an interest to respond to the consultation before it closes on October 17.

You can do so online at the following:
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/barryschools.

The possible developments at Barry and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools are only one half of our plans for schools in the town. The other is the proposal to invest £19m into Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

This proposal has received an overwhelming vote of confidence from its consultation; 92 per cent of those who responded approved of the plans to expand the school on its current site.

These plans should now see a new 3G sports pitch built with improvements made to the reception area, including a parking area and external spaces; as well as enabling the school to meet the increasing number of pupils that will be able to attend the school and meet the increasing demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Litter fines
IN another area of development, which I am sure will be of interest to GEM readers are the new measures to tackle littering and other environmental issues.

The council are bringing in new enforcement officers during October to deal with littering, dog fouling, fly-tipping and other environmental offences.

These specialist officers will start work and will be issuing on-the-spot fines of £75 to offenders. Both overt and covert operations

will be carried out by these officers, who will have legal powers to stop anyone they see committing an environmental crime.

They will work alongside our Visible Services teams, who are already working to identify problem areas and hot-spots to target.

Leisure centres

I WOULD also like to take this opportunity of commenting on issues that you may have seen in this week's newspaper, the cabinet has recommended that the council carries out a much-needed and considerable investment into the Vale of Glamorgan's leisure centres in both Barry and Penarth.

The leisure centres at Penarth and Barry have been real success stories in recent years and to help us continue our work to get more people living active lifestyles, the swimming pool changing rooms at both will be completely refurbished, along with the sports changing areas at Penarth having a similar make-over. In Barry leisure centre the sports hall floor will also be replaced.

This scheme was discussed at last Monday's cabinet meeting and again at the full council meeting on Wednesday night; so this work should start very soon, with the intention of causing as little disruption to the leisure centres as possible, so that everything will continue to operate as smoothly as possible.

I think you will agree that this has been yet another busy month indeed for the Vale Council, but one that has seen us, as ever, focusing on improving the services that we know matter to you, and I am delighted to say succeeding, despite some hiccups – as I reported last month on the bedding-in of the new waste collection rounds. However, on a positive note, this authority has the second highest recycling rate in Wales.

So a big thank you to the residents who have helped us to meet and beat our recycling targets for this year.

£2m upgrade for leisure centres

THE Vale Council will invest nearly £2 million to upgrade Penarth and Barry leisure centres, if plans are approved.

If given the planning go-ahead, the swimming pool changing rooms at both locations will be completely refurbished, with the sports changing areas at Penarth Leisure Centre in line for similar treatment. The Barry sports hall floor will also be replaced.

News from the Highlight Park Barry branch of the WI



Members of Highlight Park WI at the Mansion House.

DURING the August break, we were invited to a member's garden party in Barry Garden Suburb, where, despite the inclement weather, everyone had a good time.

There was also a very well attended coffee morning at the WI headquarters on August 2.

After our summer break, we began our September events.

Our first event was a visit to Mansion House on September 16. For once, 27 WI ladies fell silent as we listened to David, our guide tell us fascinating tales of the house and its former occupants including well-known draper, James Howells from 1896 to his death.

Mr and Mrs Howells and their large family enjoyed their years at the house then named Grove House situated in Richmond Road, Cardiff. Mrs Howells decorated and installed furniture to her taste, mainly mahogany pitch pine from the Cotswolds. She had a fine collection of fans and based her style on them.

The entrance hall with its two identical doors was decorated with beautiful windows of complex manufacture. Once inside the gated Mansion House, as it is now known, you enter a time warp.

Evocative memories of visiting dignitaries including Baldwin, Churchill, Mountbatten, Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth and other royals abound.

Gifts that remained in the house are displayed with charm and dignity.

After gathering in the large sitting room we chatted and looked at the works of art; there was memorabilia including a picture of doves made of 42,000 pieces of crushed marble based on a design in Rome. It is one of a pair – the other is in the Vatican in Rome.

Later David led us into the dining room where a long table was

set up for an afternoon tea. While we tucked in, David came in to explain the histories of the fabulous silverware, wonderful candelabra and other decorative pieces.

One piece which held pride of place was the Marquis of Bute Cup made in 1891 of 18-carat gold encrusted with diamonds, emeralds, rubies and pure carbuncles.

David led us into the Lord Mayor's meeting room which was once the family's billiard room – Mr Howells entertained his friends there with whiskey, Turkish cigarettes and pipes.

He explained that this room is also used for awarding ceremonial titles to save people having to travel to London to receive them. Meetings are held twice a month starting promptly at 10am and 11am to swear oaths of allegiance to the Queen and the UK.

Messages from the Queen are read and all the business of the day is heard. Finishing with two verses of the National Anthem and then everyone is dismissed.

Bedrooms are known by their colours and decorations. In the Blue Room, the sword manufactured by Wilkinson's factory in 1976, which was used in Prince of Wales's investiture is displayed.

The morning room used as the breakfast room is where new gifts are housed. David said they had "plates galore which were dished out on suitable occasions". There is even a sealed room where top secret talks take place.

We found ourselves back in the entrance hall where a lovely photograph of our Queen as a young girl is displayed.

The tour finished and we departed having enjoyed our day out in the middle of Cardiff, being thoroughly spoiled.

The quiz and line dancing evening on September 20 was a combination of sports

quizzes and an opportunity to learn a line dance.

Some of us danced while the others got stuck into the quizzes, which were mainly sports-based.

Future events were announced for the rest of the year. A trip to Gloucester Quays is planned for November and next month, we will welcome our guest speaker. December will be party time. Why not come along and see if you would like to join

us? We meet at Highlight Community Centre (near Tesco), Highlight Park, Barry as follows: First Tuesday afternoon of the month (2pm-4pm) for various interesting events, including quizzes, demonstrations etc; every Thursday afternoon (2pm-4pm) for a knit-and-natter.

The third Tuesday of each month (7pm-9.30pm) is the main meeting and we have speakers coming in.

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Latest walks by the Penarth Ramblers

THE Penarth and District Ramblers headed up to Glasbury and a group of four set off, with Sylvia at the helm, over the six-span stone bridge on the River Wye.

Crossing the ford over the Nant Ysgallan led to the tiny village of Llanigon. Making their way through the churchyard of the village church dedicated to St Eigon, where they climbed uphill to enjoy lovely views over the Wye Valley.

Descending to the riverbank and tramping upstream to The Warren, they continued to the town of Hay-on-Wye for a cooling sheep's milk ice cream. Crossing to the north bank of the River Wye with its stunning views towards Twmpa and Hay Bluff in the Black Mountains and the central Brecon Beacons away in the distance, a climb led them to Brwnant. Descending to Llowes, and along the Wye Valley Walk back to Glasbury ended a delightful autumn walk.

In contrast, Robin and his spaniel Pepper took the group westwards to the Black Mountain. Heading past the salmon and trout hatchery at Llyn-y-Fan, a climb led to Llyn y Fan Fach and a

stop for morning coffee by the lake of the big peak to hear the legend of the Lady of the Lake.

A young farmer fell in love with the mystical lady of the lake whom he married after agreeing to take care of her without striking her three times, or she would leave him.

During their life together he managed to break this promise quite unintentionally and the lady returned to the lake leaving him heartbroken.

Joining the Beacons Way up along the escarpment at Bannau Sir Gaer to Picws Du, another climb led to the trig point on Fan Brycheiniog. Then descending to Llyn y Fan Fawr or the lake of the big peak, they continued on the open moorland beneath the ridge back to Llyn y Fan Fach for the return to their start.

On October 2, meet at 10am at Dinas Powys village square for a six-mile easy walk taking in Dinas Powys and Cosmeston; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

To follow the group, log on to www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY

STRANGWARD

Tax help

A FREE TaxHelp for Older People (TOP) surgery will be held at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major on October 3 from 10am to midday.

No appointment necessary; to access TOP's helpline, call 0845 6013321 or 01308 488066. Home visits can be arranged where necessary.

Cottrell Park fair

AN antique and collectors' fair takes place at Cottrell Park golf resort, on the A48 St Nicholas, Vale of Glamorgan on Saturday, October 8.

Spend the day bargain hunting in Tylors Cabin; stop for coffee/lunch in the club house.

Time to start thinking about Christmas presents? The fair will be open (to the public) from 10am to 4pm; admission £1, free car parking.

'Power station workers need certainty' says Tory AM after new court ruling

LEADER of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies AM, says it's vital workers at Aberthaw Power Station receive certainty over its future, following a European Court ruling.

The power station, which employs 600 people, emphasises that by making changes to its operating regime and modifications it will make a contribution to energy supply into the 2020s.

Last week, the European Court of Justice said the power station had failed to limit pollution emissions.

Mr Davies said employees would be concerned by the development, and he has arranged a meeting with station manager Richard Little to discuss the situation.

"Aberthaw Power Station is a major employer in the Vale. This ruling will obviously be of deep concern to them, as they will understandably want certainty and to know where things stand.

"Therefore, I have contacted RWE energy to ask for the situation to be clarified, and I am looking forward to meeting station manager Richard Little - where I will raise these concerns."

Keith Stockdale of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth welcomed the judgement.

"We're pleased that RWE's special permission for high pollution from Aberthaw since 2008 has now been judged illegal. We see the yellow peril stretching over the Severn."

"The investment planned for the station is unaffected by this ruling."

"Aberthaw Power Station is specifically designed to burn Welsh coal and over the years at least 60 per cent of its annual fuel diet has been from local suppliers."

She stressed that there had been a huge investment in ensuring the power station reduced any adverse effect on the environment.

"The company has invested hundreds of millions of pounds in different technologies to reduce the station's environmental impact; these investments include the installation of flue gas desulphurisation to reduce SO2 emissions, equipment to allow biomass combustion and the re-engineering of the station's steam turbines to improve significantly the plant's operational efficiency."

"To improve the station's nitrogen oxide performance new boiler technology has recently

been fitted to one of its units and this has significantly reduced emissions.

"The station is also committed to modifying the plant to enable it to accept a more diverse range of international coal, which will further reduce emissions."

WELSH COAL

Supplies of Welsh coal to the site will be affected.

Richard Little, the station manager commented: "Compliance with this ruling, under continuing difficult market conditions for coal generation, will have a wider cost."

"It is with regret that it will mean our ability to use large amounts of Welsh coal is reduced somewhat earlier than might otherwise have been necessary."

"Despite this we believe that with plant efficiencies, modifications, and changes to our operating regime, the station can continue to support security of supply into the 2020s."

Cadet James 'chuffed' after completing 100-mile march

CADET Corporal James Jelinski from 372 Barry Squadron recently returned from the gruelling International four-day 100-mile march in Holland known as the Vierdaagse.

James returned from the march with happy smiles and medals to show off after successfully completing the largest marching event in the world for the first time. This year over 40,000 participants took part in the march, and over one million spectators cheered from the side of the roads as the walkers went through their towns.

This created an immense atmosphere as music, applause and screams of encouragement kept morale high in the team throughout the four days. On Friday, thousands of people line last few kilometers of road before the finish to cheer on the walkers.

That street, the St Annastraat, is dubbed 'Via Gladiola' for the day (the gladiola is the official flower of the marches, and it is tradition to give them to the participants).

The cadets not only had the chance to experience the thrill of taking part in the march but they also had a chance to visit Amsterdam and local sites. They met with many teams from all over the world and even had a chance to talk with Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty (Commandant Air Cadets) at the beginning of day four.

Their days began with early rises of about 3am and the teams set off around 4am! This allowed the team to complete the majority of the march in the cool morning, and they had completed their days march by 3pm, which

allowed them to sleep until the following morning. The weather proved temperamental, with 90 per cent humidity, yet light showers with patches of sunshine.

To qualify and make the Nijmegen team, each cadet had to complete RAF WARMA, a 50-mile march held at RAF Cosford. This then allowed James to be one of the 12 selected for the 2016 Nijmegen team.

One of the team leaders, Flight Lieutenant Daryl Summerhayes, commented: "The Nijmegen four day marches are about the toughest activity Air Cadets can routinely take part in. It requires great stamina and endurance to complete this hundred miles march, and is probably one of the most physically demanding things James will ever do!"

On completing the march James said: "I was really tired after marching 100 miles; but I was really chuffed in the end. When I was presented with my medal, that's when my achievement really sunk in. I can't wait to go again next year".

James is now looking forward to an action packed programme of flying, gliding, shooting, sport and adventure training along with many more exciting and challenging activities at 372 Barry Squadron.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays (7pm-9.30pm) behind Adams Funeral Parlour or you can phone the Squadron on 07486 501864 email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information.

"The decision rules against the UK Government's application and interpretation of one specific provision of the relevant environmental directive - the 'Large Combustion Plant Directive'."

"Environmental protection is of the utmost priority to RWE"

INVESTMENT

A spokeswoman for RWE said it was "disappointed" by the European Court of Justice's ruling.

"The decision rules against the UK Government's application and interpretation of one specific provision of the relevant environmental directive - the 'Large Combustion Plant Directive'."

"Environmental protection is of the utmost priority to RWE"

Young soprano joins the choir

TALENTED young soprano Jessica Robinson will join Barry Male Voice Choir as soloist at their concert tonight (September 29) at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall, Trinity Street, Barry.



Soprano Jessica Robinson.

Jess began her singing career at a young age as a competitor in local eisteddfodau in her native Pembrokeshire and is currently in her final year as a Masters

student on the opera course at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

FoE meeting

BARRY & Vale Friends of the Earth's meeting at the Castle Hotel on November 4 will discuss the Euro decision to stop the pollution permit for Aberthaw power station; construction noise from the Barry Dock incinerator; the Coity waste-wood fire; and online improvements at Five Mile Lane.

A personal highlight for Jessica was being asked to perform for the Welsh rugby team at the Welsh Assembly during a reception celebrating success in the Six Nations Championship.

At next month's Male Choir Festival in London's Royal Albert Hall, she will be reunited with Barry Male Voice Choir as one of the soloists. Tickets £5 on the door.

RURAL INTERNET NEEDS TO BE UP TO SPEED...

WHAT do you consider to be essential household utilities? Water, electricity and gas for sure, but in 2016 I would be very surprised if your list didn't include broadband.



Welsh Secretary ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

A fast internet connection has become vital in modern life, not only for conveniences and entertainment, but for dealing with governmental agencies and commercial services. I am determined that everyone in the Vale of Glamorgan should have access to decent broadband and that those in rural communities should not be left behind.

I have a keen appreciation of the challenges and frustrations that a slow internet connection can cause. The community in which I live, suffers from extremely slow internet speeds. Netflix and iPlayer are taken for granted by many, but to me and to a not insignificant number of rural Vale residents, they are seen as an almost unobtainable luxury.

A more serious concern surrounding the

lack of decent broadband is the difficulty posed to those running small businesses as, my wife does, and those working from home. It is precisely because slow internet slows down the rural economy, that correcting it is a national priority.

For a number of years I have campaigned and lobbied for faster internet here in the Vale.

There have been successes, communities such as Llandow and Colwyn, where internet users would spend much of their time watching ceaseless loading icons on webpages, now have some of the fastest internet in the county.

To take my broadband campaign forward, I

recently arranged a meeting at which community councillors were invited to ask questions of BT executives.

BT's programme of extending broadband, funded in large part by the UK and Welsh Governments, will have delivered superfast broadband to 96% of households in Wales by spring 2017.

My concern, and that of the community councillors present, was for the 4% of households who will not be covered by that date.

BT explained the process of broadband rollout, and were able to tell us that many rural properties around Cowbridge as well as the villages of St Donat's, Marcross and Monkash should have superfast access shortly after Christmas.

Usefully, the Welsh Government is to launch a website in October which will let you know when you will have access.

Much progress has been made in the Vale: we have higher average broadband speeds than the USA, France, or Germany.

But let's not stop until every community can fully take part in the 21st century.

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Swci Delic yn creu celf gofiadwy i gefnogi Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae

BYDD Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae eleni yn siŵr o ddal eich llygaid.

Mae'r artist Swci Delic, un o bencampwyr yr ymgyrch, wedi creu celf arbennig i dynnu sylw at yr achlysur a gynhelir ar ddydd Sadwrn 15 Hydref. Mae Swci yn adnabyddus am ei chelf liwgar, gofiadwy ac yn arbenigo mewn creu cynfasau enfawr.

Bydd y darn, sy'n dilyn steil unigryw, celf 'bop' Swci, yn nodwedd amlwg o ymgyrch Shwmae Su'mae 2016. Bydd cyfle i'r rhai sy'n mynychu un o'r cannoedd o ddiwyddiadau ar draws y wlad dderbyn y dyluniad trawiadol ar gerdyn post. Nifer cyfyngedig caiff eu hargraffu, ac fe'u dosbarthir ar sail gyntaf i'r felin. Bydd cyfle i bawb fwynhau'r gwaith ar gyfryngau cymdeithasol, anogir y cyhoedd i'w rannu'n eang i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r dydd.

Meddai Swci: "Mae'n anrhydedd bod yn bencampwyr Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae gan fod yr iaith Gymraeg yn hynod bwysig i mi. Pan gefais y gwahoddiad, penderfynais ddangos fy nghefnogaeth trwy wneud be fi'n hoffi gwneud fwyaf, peintio. Roeddwn eisiau atgoffa



pobl mewn ffordd gofiadwy. "Rwy'n gobeithio bydd y darlun yn tynnu sylw, ysgogi pobl i ddarganfod mwy am y dydd a chymryd rhan. "Rwy'n hoffi'r ffaith fod Diwrnod Shwmae Su'mae yn gyfle i bawb goffio'r iaith Gymraeg trwy ddod at ei gilydd i ddatlu a chael hwy. Mae'r dydd yn agored i bawb; dysgwyr, pobl ddi-gymraeg neu'n rhugl, does dim ots. Mae'n bosib i bawb geisio cyfarch ei gilydd yn Gymraeg a sbarduno eraill wrth wneud."

Swci Delic's striking art gets Shwmae Su'mae Day noticed
SHWMAE Su'mae day on Saturday, October 15 will not go unnoticed as a psychedelic piece of art has been created to mark the occasion.

Artist and Shwmae Su'mae champion, Swci Delic, set about creating a special piece that is certain to grab attention using her trademark mix of vibrant colours and patterns.

Swci's eye catching artwork will be a key feature of this year's Shwmae Su'mae campaign. A limited number of postcards featuring the special design will be available at numerous events across the country on October 15. It will also be shared widely on social media.

Swci said: "I was thrilled to be invited to champion Shwmae Su'mae Day. I decided I would show my support and help spread the word by doing what I love to do – paint. I wanted to create a memorable reminder that would make people smile."

"The Welsh language is so important to me. Being a part of this campaign is exciting as it is about celebrating, together. It doesn't matter if you are fluent, a learner or don't speak Welsh at all – anyone can try a Shwmae or Su'mae."

"Greeting each other in Welsh is a small gesture, but, if we all do it every day, everywhere we go it has the potential to have a huge impact."

To find out what's on in your area on Shwmae Su'mae Day or for tips on planning your own event, go to www.shwmae.cymru.

HEOL-Y-CYW BLAZE CAUSES CONCERN

THE fire at the South Wales Wood Recycling centre near Heol-y-Cyw is causing a great deal of concern among residents, who feel under-informed about such an incident on their doorstep, and what the authorities are doing to tackle the situation.

As the secretary of the Heol-y-Cyw Workmen's Club and a Pencoed town councillor, I have written to both Natural Resources Wales, the lead body investigating the cause of the fire, and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to express my concerns on behalf of residents in Heol-y-Cyw and Pencoed and to request an urgent update.

Even before the fire, residents were concerned about the

number, frequency and speed of the lorries travelling through the village and are now apprehensive about the potential for the fire to spread and the environmental and health effects of the fumes and wood dust which are engulfing the villages.

As this is the third fire experienced by South Wales Wood Recycling in the last 12 months, I will now be campaigning for the relocation of the plant away from the village of Heol-y-Cyw and for more robust health and environmental safeguards to be put in place in relation to this industry.

Finally, I would like to convey my thanks to South Wales Fire and Rescue Service for their ongoing work in tackling the blaze and in investigating the cause of the fire.

ALEX WILLIAMS

'Take Five' to help prevent financial fraud

SOUTH Wales Police are supporting the launch of a major new campaign designed to tackle financial fraud.

The campaign – Take Five – aims to put consumers and businesses in control with straightforward advice to help prevent financial fraud, and encourage people to take a moment to 'stop and think'.

Take Five is the first national campaign to be backed by all the major banks and other financial service providers across the UK.

Lending their support to Take Five, South Wales Police Detective Inspector Paul Giess said: "Financial fraud can affect anyone and incidents are on the increase. That's why the Take Five campaign is so important and we're proud to support it."

"We urge everyone to take a moment and help take back control. If you get any calls, texts or emails out of the blue asking for your personal or financial details always stop and think."

Katy Worobec, director of Financial Fraud Action UK who created the campaign, said: "The industry is already taking action on fraud, last year our members stopped £7 in every £10 of fraud taking place. However, we know that criminals are getting increasingly sophisticated in their tactics and that's why we are launching Take Five. We want everyone to take a moment to pause and think to help stop fraud."

Everyone can help protect themselves from financial fraud by remembering some simple advice:

- Never disclose

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Rhodrey doesn't let a little thing like a missing leg hold him back!

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are hoping that the success of local Paralympian, Aled Davies, will help find a golden home for one of their own talented paralympian pups!

Five-year-old terrier crossbreed, Rhodrey, has never let a missing leg hold him back and enjoys endless games of fetch and run after tennis balls.

The terrier tearaway has been through a lot already; he sadly lost his leg after being shot in a hunting accident. Despite his ordeal, he is a happy, energetic dog, hoping to find an active home with owners who will enjoy keeping this fitness fanatic entertained.

Rhianon Chamberlain, Dogs Trust Bridgend Supporter Relations Officer, explained: "Rhodrey is such a great character and his boundless enthusiasm for life has made him a firm favourite with staff and volunteers at the centre."

"Some people will overlook any dogs that have any slight health problem, but Rhodrey's lively, affectionate



Rhodrey (above) is looking for a home.

personality means that many people don't notice his missing leg. He certainly hasn't noticed and never lets it slow him down."

However, she added: "This spirited terrier struggles in new situations and will be best suited to an adult-only home and an owner with the experience and patience to invest time in him to form good attachments."

If you would like to give Rhodrey a home, or are interested in rehoming another rescue dog, call the Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292, or visit at Court Colman, Pen-Y-Fai, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF31 4NG.

CRC team hosts Evolving Communities workshop

CREATIVE Rural Communities (CRC), the Vale of Glamorgan Council's rural regeneration initiative, are inviting people to come forward with innovative ideas that have the potential to take communities and enterprises in the rural Vale in new, exciting directions.

Under the theme 'Evolving Communities', the CRC team now aims to support residents in the rural Vale (excluding Barry, Penarth and Llandough) to map out their community's needs and trial new ways of meeting these.

To help stimulate ideas, the team is organising a workshop on Wednesday, October 19 from 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Athan Community Centre with lunch provided. Everyone in the rural Vale who is involved with community groups, voluntary organisations, service providers or individuals active in their local community is

welcome.

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "The CRC team has a great track record of working with local communities to develop innovative projects that create long-term social and economic benefits for the rural Vale."

"This new initiative offers yet another opportunity for communities to identify their own priorities and work with us to explore new ways of delivering services."

If you would like to attend, contact the CRC team on 01446 704226, or create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk to book your place. For more, visit www.CreativeRuralCommunities.co.uk.

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government, and by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

MARIA'S CAREER IS IN TOP GEAR!

RIGHT: Apprentice of the year finalist, Maria Brooks.



MARIA BROOKS has become the first female adult apprentice taken on at Ford's Bridgend plant, thanks to the Welsh Government's apprenticeship programme.

Working on the production line at Ford gave Maria (28), from Porthcawl, an interest about how engines were built, operated and controlled. Already an honours graduate in forensic chemistry, her four-year apprenticeship, provided by Bridgend College, will gain her a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in electrical engineering from the University of South Wales.

As a reward for her success, she has been shortlisted for the Apprentice of the Year award at this year's Apprenticeship Awards Cymru, which take place at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on October 20.

Maria said: "I have had the great fortune to work on a variety of projects during my time with the company. These have included relocating a robot to enable it to be trained in-house, and setting up an electro-pneumatic rig to support other electrical apprentices. This was a big project for me as it was one I could take the lead on."

Miniaturist group display
THE Mid Glamorgan Dolls' House and Miniaturist group will support Noah's Ark Children's Hospital charity with their annual Dolls' House exhibition.

This will take place on October 8 from 10am - 4.30pm at the Town Hall in Cowbridge.

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Bridgend Ford on meeting agenda

THE First Minister, Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, and Economy Secretary, Ken Skates, met the vice president of Ford Europe, Linda Cash, to discuss the future of the Ford site in Bridgend last week.

Mr Jones said: "I was pleased to meet Linda Cash and her senior team to talk about the future of the Ford Engine plant. It was a productive meeting in which we discussed plans for investment at the site and ways in which we can protect manufacturing and jobs at Bridgend into the long-term."

"We all agreed that the plant is a vital part of the Welsh manufacturing economy and we reiterated to Ford that Welsh Government stands ready to help in any way that it can to support the factory and the workforce."

"Ford has been an important presence in Bridgend over the last three decades, producing 20 million high-quality engines and supporting thousands of excellent, well paid jobs. We all want production at the site to continue long into the future."

New website will help young hone skills for work

A NEW website to help young people develop skills for work has been launched by not-for-profit company, Welsh Water, in the presence of Welsh Government cabinet secretary for education, Kirsty Williams AM, teachers and pupils at Cardiff and Vale College.

The website developed in partnership by Welsh

Water's education team and a teacher seconded from Cardiff and Vale College, focuses on helping young people develop skills which businesses need.

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EXPERTS' CONCERN AT FIRST SIGHTING OF 'ASIAN HORNET' IN UNITED KINGDOM



PEST experts are urging residents in the Vale and Bridgend to be vigilant following the first sighting of an Asian hornet in the UK.

The invasive species that preys on honey bees was spotted in Gloucestershire earlier this week and attempts are under way to find and destroy its nests.

The British Pest Control Association (BPCA) says confirmed sightings in both the Channel Islands and now mainland Britain mean that many more are likely to be found and the national trade body are calling on people who discover them to act responsibly.

The hornet, said to pose a very real threat to native species of bees, is already common across Europe and officials anticipating its arrival in this country for several years have set up a protocol designed to eradicate them.

Simon Forrester, chief executive of the BPCA, said: "Professional pest controllers have been aware of the threat posed by Asian hornets, alongside other invasive species, for some time."

"The BPCA and its members form the first alert to these threats and are often called in to deal with such pests."

"The first sighting will almost certainly not be the last, but if people

report them sensibly then major problems can be avoided."

"Our members will do everything they can to maintain the health of our honey bee population and can be called upon to deal sensitively with any situation that arises."

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has set up a three-mile surveillance zone and a 'species alert' has been issued.

Nicola Spence, Defra's deputy director for plant and bee health, said: "We have been anticipating the arrival of the Asian hornet for some years and have a well-established protocol in place to eradicate them and control any potential spread."

"It's important to remember they pose no greater risk to human health than a bee, though we recognise the damage they can cause to honeybee colonies. That's why we are taking swift and robust action to identify and

destroy any nests."

The distinctive hornet, smaller than the native species, is most likely to be found in southern parts of England, but could also be accidentally imported among goods such as soil with pot plants, cut flowers, fruit and timber.

Its active months are between April and November, though it is inactive over winter.

Sightings should be sent with a photograph and local details to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk.

What does it look like?

DISTINCTIVE hornet, smaller than our native European Hornet species. A key feature is the almost entirely dark abdomen, except for the fourth segment, which is yellow.

Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark); Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornets are more orange); workers can be up to 25mm in length.

AM hears about community hub for veterans plan



Jane Hutt with Russ Kiteley and Noel Godfrey.

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, and the First Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, attended Dame Eileen Younghusband's moving funeral last week.

She met Barry veteran Russ Kiteley from Group 617, who related plans to develop a 'community hub' for service veterans.

She had a further meeting with Russ Kiteley and Noel Godfrey later to hear more about the needs of veterans and Armed Forces Covenant meetings at the Vale Council.



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Dan Whitehouse signed to Reveal Records in 2015 and started work on his new soulful album 'That's Where I Belong', released earlier this month.

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The Magnificent Seven remake is pretty, well... MAGNIFICENT!

ONE of the more infamous pub quiz questions is – name all of the *Magnificent Seven*; well, that question will take on a new meaning as John Sturges' classic Western receives the almost *de-rigueur* 21st century update.

Keeping the same title and the same plot, this *Magnificent Seven* sees a town come under threat from Peter Sarsgaard's wonderfully monikered Bartholomew Bogue, with his plan to industrialise the town – and no-one dare get in his way.

Desperate, Emma Cullen (Haley Bennett) travels to recruit seven loosely-moraled hired guns (led by Denzel Washington, with Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke, Vincent D'Onofrio, Byung-hun Lee, Martin Sensmeier and Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) to defend their town from Bogue and his own mercenary unit...

Remaking a film these days is par-for-the-course; remaking a classic film is a whole new ball game. As those behind *Ghostbusters* discovered earlier this

year, mess with a beloved property and prepare yourself for the criticisms and hate before the films have even been shown.

While Antoine Fuqua's decision to update *The Magnificent Seven* may not have drawn the same bile Paul Feig's *Ghostbusters* reboot/remake attracted, there are probably more than a few that would wonder what (other than name value) a retelling of the original could achieve.

The answer is a blockbuster movie that is almost slavish in its adherence to the Western genre and, in many ways, to the original, yet is vibrant and enjoyable enough to stand on its own two feet. It carries no pretensions or delusions to be anything other than what you would expect from a remake of John Sturges' original, and on that count succeeds with aplomb.

Fuqua burst on the scene with an explosion of tightly-wound fury in *Training Day* (starring, presciently enough, two of the seven in Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke), but since then has been patchy, falling into generic action flicks. However, his work here is impressive,

the climactic shootout in particular (which occupies a large chunk of screentime) wonderfully realised and balancing the need for action with servicing the story.

That the film is 132 minutes (and much of that is assembling the renegade titular group) Fuqua does a great job of allowing the story to develop at a slow, but never dull, pace. While some characters are given greater emphasis than others, Fuqua allows the story to develop before culminating in a shootout that is both gritty and dramatic.

He doesn't try to move the film away from its genre roots either; the conventions of the Western (strangers being eyed up as they walk into town, buildings being burned, religion and violence melding into one) are all wilfully obeyed which, if you are a fan of the genre, makes for entertaining viewing.

Of course, it helps that he's assembled a strong cast to fill out his magnificent septet – Denzel Washington does righteous nobility in the face of adversity better than anyone, while Chris Pratt's rugged charisma gets another run-out

here. While these are the starrier of the seven, the more intriguing performances come from Ethan Hawke, whose character is hiding a secret, and Vincent D'Onofrio's frontiersman who is a man out of time. The script only hints at what lies beneath their characters, but the quality of their turns enhances the flimsiest of characterisation.

That's the biggest fault with the film as whole, that the characters are as flimsy as the sets you would find in the spaghetti westerns of the 1970s.

Some have more depth to them than others, but this all too often feels like an afterthought, and clichés abound with many of them (the weak town sheriff, the plucky but inept townsfolk) while Haley Bennett's Emma may be gun-toting, but her character doesn't really linger.

That aside, there's much to enjoy about *The Magnificent Seven* – it doesn't try to reinvent the wheel, nor does it offer anything fundamentally different to the original, but with a charming cast and a degree of energy, it's a pretty magnificent slice

of action fun.

VERDICT: A remake that doesn't do a disservice to its progenitor, *The Magnificent Seven* is an enjoyable western that delivers all that you would want. The performances carry personality and charm, and Antoine Fuqua's direction makes the build-up carry pace and a climax that delivers on carnage. It may not be a particularly deep piece of work, but it's a satisfying one. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Bridgend Town Council, Coun Robert Morgan, and Bridgend Town Council, are holding a Macmillan Cancer Support cake and coffee morning at Carnegie House Wyndham Street, Bridgend between 10am and 12 noon on Friday, September 30.

The Mayor would be delighted to welcome

everyone to attend this event.

Keep your teeth!

NATIONAL Smile Month is a campaign to improve oral health care in our community.

Cardiff and Vale Dental are having a session aimed at the older person, who can have particular problems with oral healthcare due to medication, poor eyesight, weakness of arms or hands etc.

A health care professional will be available on Tuesday, October 4 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Telev Project Vale of Glamorgan aims to improve the quality of life of vulnerable people, helping them to manage living on their own with a simple, easy to use device.

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Welsh star plans an ultra marathon for Marie Curie

Actor Mark takes on Beacons Ultra

WELSH actor, Mark Lewis Jones, will battle the winter elements in November, as he runs a 47-mile ultra-marathon in the Brecon Beacons to raise money for the Marie Curie Hospice at Penarth.

The Beacons Ultra, which in recent years has taken place in temperatures of minus 8 degrees, will push the Wrexham-born actor to his limits. He will climb 1,675 metres – almost double the height of Pen y Fan.

Earlier this year, he became a 'Pay for a Day' ambassador for Marie Curie and is aiming to raise £6,660, which is how much the charity needs to raise to run the Vale hospice for a single day.

Mark, who is based in Cardiff, is best known for his leading role in the Sky One drama *Stella*, as well as roles in *Game of Thrones*, *Hinterland* and with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He is currently fitting his training regime around a

busy filming schedule for his latest roles in *National Treasure* for Channel 4 with Robbie Coltrane and Julie Walters, and the second series of Welsh drama *Byw Cefnydd* which is due to screen on S4C early next year.

"I've seen firsthand the work that Marie Curie nurses and all the hospice staff provide," said Mark. "Not only do they care for people with terminal illnesses, but they also provide emotional support to their families and loved ones, and offer vital bereavement support for children, too."

"I know that this run across the Beacons is going to be tough, but I wanted to do my bit to support the hospice staff as they continue to care for people at the end of their lives, when they need it most."

"These amazing people will keep me motivated to get up those hills and through the wind, rain and snow to the finish."

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Mark Lewis Jones training for the ultra marathon.

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GAPS IN THE CURRICULUM

WHEN Grammar schools were largely abolished to establish Comprehensive schools, the error that was made was to drop from the curriculum several of the valuable subjects which had been considered essential for an informed adult – such as economics and social sciences, discussed among the pupils.

There is no virtue at all in reverting to divisive Grammar schools, but we must teach all children to form responsible views of human society. Repeatedly, this Conservative Government has declared that school

education aims to meet the standards of complacent businessmen, such as Lord Sugar, to prepare children for 'the world of work' as cogs in a monster machine – which intends to serve only the 'elite' who control and benefit from the profits.

That is a wicked travesty of what education seeks to achieve for the mind of every child – with lessons on topics such as civics and ethics, rights, duties and responsibilities.

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The Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes enjoy soiree

THE Orangery at Margam Abbey was the idyllic setting for a soiree organised for the members of Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes on September 20.

One hundred and thirty ladies from all over the county were greeted with a glass of buck's fizz as they arrived, followed by dinner.

During the evening, they were entertained by Mark Evans, baritone.

Mr Evans amused them with stories and anecdotes about his life and he serenaded the ladies with a selection of favourite songs by, among others, Ivor Novello, George Gershwin and Gilbert and Sullivan.

The evening was a resounding success and Ann Davies, chairman of Glamorgan Federation and Ann Jones, vice chairman, were thanked for their hard work in organising such a wonderful event. JE

Mark returns to Hensol Castle

THE Vale Resort has appointed a new resort operations manager for the day-to-day running of the hotel and Hensol Castle.

Mark McKnight (38), who lives in Cwmbran, was hotel operations manager at The Grand Hotel in Bristol, having previously worked at the Marriott in Swansea and the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport.

He has come full circle, as he was previously assistant resort food and beverage



Mark McKnight

service manager at the four-star resort for two years, leaving in 2005.

A talk on old photos

THE Rhose and District History Society is hosting a talk by Ann Konsbruck and Margaret Jenkins on 'A Box of Old Photos'.

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Never having done anything as physical as this before, Sam immediately started a gruelling training plan, with his family supporting him all the way.

Sam's dad, Simon, started work at 5am in the family business of SR Davis Ltd, a Barry-based wholesale poultry butcher, so this meant Sam could train for two hours before starting work at 7am – and continue his training after work.

His girlfriend, Georgina, drew up his training and nutrition plans and her dad,

Matthew, served as Sam's cycle mechanic.

Through his eight months of training, Sam raised more than £2,000 for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Finally, the day dawned and supported by his family and friends, and along with 2,000 other competitors, Sam started his challenge of a 2.5-mile swim; a 112-mile cycle race and then a 26.2-mile marathon.

It took him 11 hours 40 minutes to complete the mammoth task, and he came through the finishing post holding a banner above his head

saying "Marry Me Georgina".

Georgina, a 25-year-old nurse based in the ITU unit at UHW was completely stunned and all his supporters burst into tears. (She said 'yes' by the way!)

The Llysworney couple, who met at 17 while in Cowbridge Comprehensive sixth form, flew to Portugal the next day for a well-earned week's rest.

ANNE ANDERSON

Barry school pupils form close partnership with care residents



All the children received a certificate to thank them for their involvement.

A PROJECT which brings pupils from Gladstone Primary School in Barry together with residents at Golau Caredig, Hafod Care's extra care housing scheme in Barry enters its second year this term.

Launched last September, the partnership has delivered great benefits for all involved, with pupils visiting every week to take part in a range of activities, a spokeswoman explained.

These included Christmas and St David's day concerts, an Easter bonnet parade, arts and craft sessions and games.

Year one culminated with a teddy bear's picnic with pupils, their families, residents and staff enjoying lunch in Gladstone Park. Each child received a certificate in recognition of their involvement in the project.

VALE PROVES A MAGNET FOR FOUR MILLION TOURISTS

ACCORDING to figures released by STEAM (Scarborough Tourism Economic Activity Monitor) nearly four million tourists made a beeline for the Vale during 2015, up 5.6 per cent on the previous year.

The exact total was 3.96 million, and the increase was 1.6 per cent greater than the south east Wales average – that meant an overall value to the economy of £219 million.

There were 2,947 jobs supported by money spent on tourism, a rise of 5.7 per cent on 2014; tourists spent 5.4 million days in the Vale last year, a rise of five per cent.

The council says it has taken steps to make the Vale more attractive to tourists. As part of the Creative Rural Communities initiative, new campsites, walkways and bridleways have been developed around the Vale.

There has also been large-scale investment to regenerate Barry Island, and an expanded events programme.

Your chance to see the group Jon Bon Jovi rates 'the best tribute band I have ever seen'

ONE of the most iconic bands of the 1980s, Bon Jovi, had platinum-selling albums and a plethora of anthemic singles around the world.

A spokesman for Bon Jovi's tribute band said: "Livin' On a Prayer, the Bon Jovi Experience" are regarded by many as the world's first and finest tribute.

"The fact that they have performed live with Jon Bon Jovi himself and are featured on the official Bon

Jovi website tells people all they need to know!

"The band has played all over the world and front man Tony Bon-Jovi can hold an audience like no other.

"If you want to rock 'til you drop, you'd better get to Barry Memo Arts Centre on Friday, October 7."

Jon Bon Jovi himself dubbed the band "The best tribute I've ever seen".

TV presenter and DJ Chris Evans also rates them highly, commenting: "They are just fantastic."

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THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND BEN WITH A SPECIAL GOLF DAY AT ST ATHAN CLUB



Left to right Paul Michael, Ady Hawkins, Gemma Brownhill and Luke Sloan.



Andy Mcintyre, Paul Lindsay and Stuart Lindsay.



Mike Clark Terry Punter and Gary Punter.



St Athan Club captain Craig Sheman.



Lee Perry Gail Prosser JWG Morgan

ON Thursday, September 22, a charity golf day was held at St Athan Golf Club to raise money to help fund the treatment of Benjamin Morgan-Brownhill, who lives in Rhosce.

Adrian Hawkins and his wife Jackie, who are both members of St Athan Golf Club, came up with the fundraising idea after learning about Ben's battle against an extremely rare kidney disease (C3GN/MPGN-Type 1).

It is one of many events being held in the community to raise a staggering £175,000 needed to treat him and give Ben a chance of restored health – so the battle commenced and communities have united to give this delightful young man a chance.

St Athan Golf Club, when approached by Adrian and Jackie, embraced the idea and gave them 'courtesy of the course' to hold the event, with Leanne Gordon, the club's caterer providing delicious food for those attending.

Adrian and Jackie spent endless hours contacting local businesses and individuals for raffle donations and auction items, as well as obtaining prize money and sponsorship for the 18 holes to be played.

A total of 97 golfers took part on the day in the 18 hole, three man team stableford competition, with the best two scores counting on each card.

It was particularly nice to see several lady members supporting the event.

The weather was perfect as they played some fantastic golf throughout the day. The greens staff at St Athan had the golf course in perfect condition, which proved as always to be a great challenge to everyone participating.

By the end of play there were some excellent scores in the club house including four 'twos' by the end of the competition.

Those participating also had the chance to prove their skills in the nearest the pin and the longest drive competitions.

1st prize - Pete Williams, Willie Windsor & Jordan Isaac (78 s/f pts).

2nd prize - Paul Michael, Richard Michael & Luke Sloan (77 s/f pts).

3rd prize - Gill Jones, Terry Diaper & Maureen Anderson (76 s/f pts ocb).

Longest Drive, yellow tee - Nic Baldwin (E Cube Solutions).

Longest Drive, red tee - Sian Lovell (Cottrell Park)

Nearest the pin 6th Hole - Sian

Lovell (Cottrell park)

Nearest the pin 16th Hole - Andy McIntyre (St Athan)

Ben's Mum Gemma presented the triumphant prize winners with their winnings as well as prizes for nearest the pins/longest drives and 'twos'.

Prize money for the day was very generously donated by Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend and Gareth Lucas from UK Hydrosides of Llantwit Major.

Following this the raffle and auction was held, with a fantastic array of items up for grabs to the highest bidders.

The bidding was cut throat as those present pushed up the bids to secure their lot and once again people dug deep into their pockets to ensure the monies raised were boosted.

All the hard work and effort was well worth it and at the end of the day at the 19th hole, Adrian and Jackie announced that they will be able to present Gemma with a cheque for an amazing £3,806.

Adrian and Jackie would like to take this opportunity to thank all the competitors and people who supported the event.

Adrian and Jackie said: "Special thanks go to St Athan Golf Club and their staff for the courtesy of the course and to the greens staff who as always, had the course in excellent condition.

"Without the generosity of all the sponsors, the individuals and businesses who donated prize money, raffle items and auction items, the event could not have taken place. "We thank you sincerely for your tireless generosity, which has been overwhelming to Ben, his family and friends."

If anyone would like to donate to Ben's fundraising cause, they can do so by visiting www.gofundme.com/apriceonlife

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BRA Day event

AN evening event in Swansea next month will give women the chance to share experiences of breast reconstruction and help others find out more about the surgery.

Coinciding with international Breast Reconstruction Awareness (BRA) Day, it will bring together patients, medical professionals and breast cancer support groups from 5.30pm – 9.30pm on October 19 at the Village Hotel in Swansea.

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'NURTURE WELSH AT THE GRASSROOTS' – CALL

FOLLOWING a call by Plaid Cymru for more funding to ensure more teachers and assistants can use Welsh in the classroom, Welsh Conservative spokesman for the Welsh language, Suzy Davies AM, said that pupils who aren't in a wholly Welsh medium system need far more exposure to the language in the early years of their own education, to help them move away from the idea of Welsh as a second language.

"This goes hand in hand with everyday demonstration that Welsh exists outside the classroom – and is for use outside the classroom. This is

where the language really lives.

"To achieve this, we need to work much more closely with businesses and public services to ensure that speakers of all levels, including adults who have missed out on learning Welsh, can feel confident to use and test their Welsh without judgment."

She added: "By including small bits of Welsh into everyday life, we can help grow the language from a grassroots level so that our pupils walk out of the school gates and into communities where they can use both their languages."

"This must be at the heart of our nation's Welsh language strategy."

Vale Explorer Scouts gain awards



SEVEN members of the Vale Explorer Scout unit were recently invited to a presentation night at County Hall in Cardiff – to receive their Chief Scout awards and to be inducted into the 14th Cardiff, Lord Mayor's Own ceremonial Scout troop, named in recognition of the service given by 14th Cardiff Scouts during the 1913 Sengenydd mining disaster.

As honorary members of this troop, they will be asked to undertake civic and ceremonial duties at events such as Remembrance Day and key official visits to Cardiff and the Vale area.

The awards are similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme where participants undertake

various challenges.

The Diamond Chief Scout's Award was awarded to Rob Lewis and Dylan Lloyd-Doyle and the Platinum Chief Scout's Award to Conor Wilkinson, Isobel Davies, Huw Mason, Izzy Lynn and Abbie Johnson.

Vale Explorer Scout Unit leader Kevin Hicks said: "I am extremely proud of the achievements of all these young people. They are a real credit to themselves and their families with the time and effort they put into their Scouting, and the local communities."

Explorer Scouts is the fourth section of the Scout movement and is for 14 to 18-year-olds. Many activities are made available and these include D of E, water or land-based activities as well as continuing to participate in the progressive award scheme of Scouting.



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David Emanuel mixes couture with coffee

FASHION designer David Emanuel is mixing cake with couture as he hosts his third Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in south Wales.

Bridgend-born David, now finding a new thread of fame with the UK series of *Say Yes to the Dress* is hosting his third World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the gardens of Gileston Manor in the Vale on Friday, September 30.

The event at the manor is between 10am and 1pm on the same day that thousands of people in the UK will be baking and brewing for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Funds from David's coffee morning will help Macmillan to provide

services for people with cancer.

David said: "I am thrilled to be hosting my third World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan. My Macmillan nurse was a great support to me when I was diagnosed with cancer, so it's fantastic to host a coffee morning which will help Macmillan to fund its services for people with cancer."

Admission to the coffee morning is £5 on the gate, with proceeds going to Macmillan.



David Emanuel.



McDonalds' plan splits residents

MCDONALDS fast food chain is considering opening a branch in Cowbridge and there has been a mixed reaction to the news.

The GEM took an early-morning stroll along Cowbridge High Street to canvass opinions of people on the Bont Faen brekker run.

'Sarah', 22, from Llandow, who works for a competing high-street brand, and, therefore, did not want to be identified, welcomed the idea: "It would be lush to have a McDonalds here. Not everyone wants to or has time to sit down and take ages over their breakfast or dinner."

"I hope it's a drive-through," she added. Tom Morgan, a 25-year-old shopfitter from Merthyr Tydfil, also welcomed the news, but said: "I personally like Burger King more than McDonalds, but anything different is going to be good."

David, 15, who was on his way to school, but had bought a bacon roll from a well-known high-street bakery, was another in favour of the plan.

"I have breakfast at home most days, but I like a McMuffin sometimes. I like bacon rolls, too, but there's nowhere for young people to get together in Cowbridge, so I think it would be a good thing."

So much for those in favour, who all were on the right side of 30.

Another three people asked about the

by Andy Johnstone

proposal, and older than 30, had conflicting views.

Their concerns fell into five categories: noise, traffic, litter, 'clone towns' and 'not right for Cowbridge'.

Joyce Lloyd expressed dismay at the proposal.

"It's a terrible idea. It's bad enough with the traffic as it is. With a McDonalds - I've never been in one - there will be cars parked willy-nilly blocking disabled spaces and bus stops."

"Yes, Cowbridge has high-street chains, but they are all quite low-key. McDonalds will stand out like a garish sore thumb."

Describing himself as "not a nimbyst", Mike Porter said: "What's that phrase? 'Build it and they will come'? Open a McDonalds and it will be the end of Cowbridge High Street. It will be too noisy, too busy and totally out of keeping for the town."

"There is enough litter anyway, despite what the street cleaners do, but I don't see them donning waders and fishing the rubbish from a McDonalds out of the river."

"There will be queues of schoolchildren in the morning and at lunchtime, spilling out of the place and it will make Cowbridge look like every other high street in the country."

Helen Moore, who opposed Waitrose, but, sheepishly, said: "I now shop there," had thoughts on the burger bar.



Will Ronald McDonald make an appearance in Cowbridge?

"I suppose [McDonalds] will be approved. There will be voices calling it a 'progressive' step for Cowbridge, and I suppose it will bring a few more jobs to the town, but at what cost?"

"There is a reasonable mix of independents and high-street brands here at the moment, and many have added to the town, but a McDonalds? No; it's just not right for Cowbridge."

A spokesperson for McDonalds' told The GEM: "We are always looking for new sites and can confirm that Wales is an area where we would like to continue to invest, open new restaurants and create jobs."

"We are looking at several potential opportunities across Wales, but currently have no confirmed plans."

The GEM is keen to receive readers' thoughts on the proposal.

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Pupils want to help Oscar hibernate!



Oak Field nursery pupils with Oscar.

The nursery children at Oak Field Primary School in Barry had an extra special visitor recently!

As the nursery's topic is 'When I fall asleep', the children met a specialist in the subject - Oscar the tortoise!

"Over the coming weeks, the pupils will learn all about hibernation and will build hibernation homes for Oscar," a spokesperson reported.

What is the future for regeneration in Barry?

PLAID Cymru councillor Ian Johnson has expressed concern about the future of regeneration in Barry as a new report highlighted limited progress since the regeneration programme began in 2010.

The report is based on the Sense of Place Forum event held in May, at which consultant Angharad Wynne highlighted problems with Barry such as poor first impressions at gateways to the town and poor or non-existent signage, either to reach intended destinations or information boards about interesting places in Barry.

The current regeneration programme in Barry was started in 2010 following a campaign by Pride in Barry's Paul Haley, and Plaid Cymru's then Minister for Regeneration, Jocelyn Davies, gave Barry £9.8m. Projects from

that period include the Pump House on the Waterfront.

Coun Johnson, who represents the centre of Barry, said: "It appears that the Vale Council are still grappling with the concept of regeneration in Barry, with limited understanding of what successful regeneration looks like, or how we can define that success."

"As there are strong concerns about the Welsh Government's commitment to long-term regeneration of Barry - they make no mention of regeneration

in their Programme for Government - it will be increasingly important that we can evidence these outcomes, their success and how they impact upon all of Barry and its residents."

"The report author, consultant Angharad Wynne, correctly identifies many of the problems with Barry which have been present for some time and have not been tackled by Labour, including poor entrance points to Barry, poor signage and a lack of civic pride, issues which should be tackled as a priority."

Church appeal wins a £100,400 Lottery grant

FOLLOWING the recent launch of the All Saints Church, Barry 'Roof Restoration Project' on September 21, Paul Donovan, chairman of the roof restoration fundraising committee, heard from the Heritage Lottery Fund application for £100,400 grant had been successful.

Mr Donovan stated: "This is amazing news and I would like to offer my thanks to all those involved in this process for their hard work and persistence and submitting such a robust application".

Father Kevin Lake, Priest in Charge, commented: "This is such a blessing and it means that we are well on our way to raising the £231,000 required to replace the roof. Many parishioners and the community have sponsored a slate and we are continuing to develop our fundraising activities involving the community which has already raised at least a further £10,250."

"We know we still have a long way to go, but this grant will really help us to meet our target sooner than expected". The next fundraising event will be Music and Monologues on Thursday, October 6, 7.30pm - tickets are £8, available on the door from 6.45pm.

Forum launches its 49th season

IN October 1967, the Rev Gwynfryn Pugh of the United Reformed Church, spoke of 'the many men, now retired who had time on their hands, and that it would be a good idea to hold meetings one morning a week that were to be intellectual in nature'.

Five men, Mr W B Carpenter, Mr Eddie High, Mr L Hunter, Mr Redvers Williams and Mr A E Woods became the founder members, and the word was soon spread, so that the numbers grew.

On Thursday, October 6, the 49th session of the Barry Men's Forum begins and with more men than ever in

retirement, the need for 'intellectual talk' continues to be enjoyed by all, although you don't need to be retired to come along!

In the first year there were no charges, but now with tea and biscuits thrown in and speakers coming from far and wide, there is a weekly charge of £2 (no long term commitment).

Meetings are at the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, (on the corner of Trinity Street and Aberystwyth Crescent) at 10.15am on Thursdays.

On October 6, Mike Cheeseman will speak on 'Mysteries of Space'. For further information, contact the secretary, Philip Walters, on 01446 741498 or email Philipwalters3434@gmail.com.

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Cupid joins the Friends and Neighbours group!

A romance between two members of the Friends and Neighbours Barry group, ended in a wedding at the town's All Saints Church...

Jean Lewis of Pontypridd Road, and Ernest Burt of Fryatt Street, met through the group, which meets at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall in Barry.

Ernest joined the group two years ago and Jean 18 months ago. They both used to frequent the Age Connects Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, attend afternoon teas there and Jean attends the Stitch and Bitch class.

It was in March this year that love blossomed when both Ernie and Jean were on a trip to Monmouth with the group.

They announced in June that they were to be wed and everyone at Friends and Neighbours were so pleased for them



Ernest Burt and Jean Lewis tied the knot recently at Barry's All Saints Church.

and excited that they had found happiness and love.

The bride was given away by her son, Steven and the groom's best man was his son-in-law, Robert Webber.

The bridesmaids were Seren and Layla-Mae Cummings and page boys, Oliver and Jacob Webber.

Congratulations to the happy couple!

GAYE FIFIELD

Music at lunchtime

JANE Holesworth (soprano) with Ben Pinnow (piano) will be at All Saints' Church, Penarth on Monday, October 3 from 1pm - 2pm.

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Expressions of interest

WAIN CLOSE, PENARTH

United Welsh Housing Association, with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce the new development at Wain Close, Penarth Heights.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members. Properties are due to complete in December 2016 and a local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

- One, two-bedroom house
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- Four, three bedroom houses
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ST DAVIDS MEADOW, COLWINSTON

Hafod Housing Association, together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announce a new development of properties at St Davids Meadows, Colwinston.



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Family Notices

PROSSER Adrian

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Adrian Prosser, a long time resident of Llantwit Major, a strong and loving father and a good friend to many. He loved art, literature and music, and in retirement Adrian learned to sail and travelled much of the world.

Adrian will be sorely missed by his wife Diane, his children Alan, David and Paul, grandson Owen and granddaughter Seren.

A funeral service is scheduled for 3.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, October 4, with a gathering in his honour at The White Hart in Llantwit Major afterwards.

BOTWOOD Heather

Passed away on September 21, much loved sister of Peter and Noreen and aunt of Deborah, Sarah and Ned.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral service at St Catherine's Church, Kings Road, Cardiff at 1.30pm on Monday, October 3, followed by interment at Cardiff Western Cemetery. Floral tributes may be sent to J. Pidgeon & Son Ltd, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, CF5 1BD.

BROWN Ronald William

Peacefully at the Bellavista care home, Barry, after a long illness on September 23, Ron, formerly of Dunster Cottage, South Road, Sully. Dearly beloved husband of Barbara, much loved father of Jeremy, Terry and Christine, loving grandfather and great grandfather to all his grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams and Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Wednesday, October 5 at 2pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Society, Oldwell Court, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff, CF23 5DA.

SMART Daniel Thomas

Peacefully on September 19 at Llandough Hospital, Daniel Thomas (Dan), aged 89 years, of Barry. Dearly loved husband of Betty. Beloved father of the late Terrence (Terry).

Dan will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Thursday, October 6. Funeral service and Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 3pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Air Ambulance.

DERBYSHIRE Peter

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Peter on September 7. Devoted husband to Kathy and a much loved dad of Debbie, Samantha, Racheal, Richard and their families. A special brother to Gwen.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Peter is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, October 4 at 1pm. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support the Wales Air Ambulance and Barry Dock RNLI in memory of Peter. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

MONTGOMERY Dorothy (Dot)

Peacefully on September 22 at Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry. Dot beloved wife of the late Alf. Much loved mum to Linda, Janet, Andrew, Julie and the late Kay. Respected mother-in-law of Trevor, Phil and Lynda also a cherished nan and great nan to all her grandchildren.

Dot will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Monday, October 3 at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cardiff and the Vale Breast Cancer Now in memory of Dot. Further enquiries contact Nicola Ellis, 01446 407962.

GRIFFITH-JONES Glenys Margaret

We are very sad to announce the passing of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother on Sunday, September 18 at Llandough Hospital in the presence of her family. Greatly missed by her beloved husband Roger, sons Martin and Julian and daughter Verity. Much loved by her twelve grandchildren, partners and six great grandchildren.

No words can describe how much she will be missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Sons, Barry until funeral service on Tuesday, October 4 at 11am, followed by committal at Barry Crematorium. The family send their thanks to all her home carers and the nursing staff on Ward East 7 at Llandough Hospital who gave her and them such loving support through this difficult time. Flowers may be sent to funeral home. Donations, if desired, to the Dementia ward, East 16, Llandough Hospital.

GATT Carolyn Jane

Peacefully on September 22, loving partner to John and much loved daughter to Lilian and Philip. Cherished sister to Michael and Rachel, caring sister-in-law to Sonia and Deri and beloved auntie to Rebecca, Joseph, Olivia and Sophie and devoted nanny to Rileigh.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry. Funeral service to take place on Monday, October 3 at All Saints Church, Barry at 1pm, followed by the committal at The Natural Burial Ground, CF5 6SG at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service in memory of Carolyn to Marie Curie Holme Tower, Penarth.

REID Eric

Sadly passed away at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on Saturday, September 24.

Funeral service will be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, October 6 at 2.15pm. The family would like to thank the doctors and the nurses of the Critical Care Unit for their care and attention.

JONES Guy Treharn Howel

Peacefully at home on September 25 with his family. Guy, much loved husband of Fran, a good friend to all, will be sadly missed.

Funeral service at St Dochwy Church, Llandough on Tuesday, October 4 at 2pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only.

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VENNERS Peter

Jean, Stephen and Jonathan would like to say a big thank you to all the family and friends who came to celebrate Peter's life. Also, many thanks for the cards and flowers received by us all.

To Cannon O'Gorman, thank you for conducting the funeral service with dignity. Many thanks to Lyndsay Ellis for everything, and to St Andrews Golf Club. Our heartfelt thanks to all the staff on the first floor, Marie Curie, for the devotion and comfort given to Peter, it was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, many thanks for the donations to Marie Curie.

DRISCOLL Frances Clare

Tony and Thelma would like to thank Canon Pat O'Gorman for the beautiful Mass of the Requiem. Also, the Angels of St. Barrachs unit, Barry Hospital who cared for Frances for four years and the Forge Care Centre where she received the kindest gentlest care, and to all who joined us in the service.

We will remember you all with love.

Birthdays

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Andrew Williams
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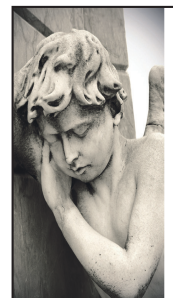
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EILEEN'S WISH COMES TRUE AS RENEE IS REMEMBERED AT TENOVUS CONCERT

PHOTOGRAPHS by JOHN O'BEIRNE

THE Concert in the Park took place at Belvedere Park, Barry, last Saturday. There was singing from the 'Barry Tenovus Sing with Us Choir', the 'Vale People First Real Lives Choir' and 'Young People's Rap Group' and South Wales Police Band.

On the day, Vale Mayor, Coun Stuart Egan, told those gathered at Belvedere Park that Tenovus choirs offered a true message of hope, adding that the organiser of the event Eileen Moore had a very special reason for inspiring it.

Coun Egan explained: "Founded by 10 businessmen in 1943, Tenovus has become one of the most pioneering and successful charities in the field of cancer research.

"Tenovus Sing with Us choirs are fun, uplifting and friendly, and are open to anyone affected by cancer whether they're a patient, survivor, carer or someone who has been bereaved through cancer.

"Supported by lovely volunteers who make sure all new members feel welcome, the Barry choir is no exception – it's a friendly, smiley group which started in September 2013.

"Many members of the Barry Tenovus Choir are survivors or have experience of the trauma of cancer. The choir are a fantastic support for each other and also send the message of hope to anyone else affected by the disease. It's not just a choir, but a community. Singing is everywhere and singing is in every one of us.

"I would like to thank all involved today, but especially the organiser Eileen, who, last year, wanted to do something nice to remember her late sister and thought it would be nice to hold a concert especially as many other people have lost dear ones.

"Eileen's twin sister Renee was the first woman in the world to trial a new drug and, although she knew it would not help her, she agreed to undergo the treatment for the benefit of others.

"I am sure there will be many more 'Concerts in the Park' to come. All proceeds today will go to Tenovus."



Vale Mayor Stuart Egan, event organiser Eileen Moore and Jane Hutt the Vale's Assembly Member.



Ploughing maestros show how it's done – with tractors or just the old-fashioned way

On Sunday, September 25, the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held the annual ploughing match at Little West, by kind permission of Graham David and family of Norton Hall Farm. Graham is this year's president of the society and a long-time supporter.

Over 40 tractors and horses turned up after a night of heavy rain, which made it difficult for lorries to enter the field. However, the day turned out to be very successful, in spite of one or two heavy showers.

The four teams of horses were a great attraction, showing how ploughing was done in years gone by, in comparison to today.

All classes of ploughing were supported with a good standard of workmanship and the ladies were also putting in a good show.

The Ferguson Club staged the Welsh

Dragon Championship for the Ferguson T.20 – or the 'little grey fergy' – which is 70 years old this year, having been produced in Coventry from 1946 to 1956 by Harry Ferguson.

The judge, Arthur Williams from mid-Wales, remarked on the improvement over the years in the standard of ploughing in this class, with the popularity of the T.20 and GP Plough continually growing.

The results of the ploughing match were:

Ferguson T.20

Class: Champion, John Evans; runner-up, Graham Jones; third,

Will Jones; fourth, Andrew Drinkwater; fifth, Basil George.

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Horse Ploughing:

First, Roger Smith; second, Kym Williams; third, Michael Puxty.

Class 1 - Open Vintage Trailer, first Andrew Isaac.

Class 3 - Classic Class: First, Jeremy Jacobs; second, Ceri Richards; third, Andrew Thomas.

Class 5 - Novice Conventional Multi Furrow: first, Jamie Isaac; second, Rebecca Lewis; third, Peter

Batchelor.

Class 6 - Commercial Reversible: First, Mike Thomas; second, Robert Mathews; third, Edward Thomas.

30 Minute Class:

First, Mike Thomas; second, Adam Llewellyn; third, Lloyd

Thomas.

The Alban Wilde Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Mike Thomas for the best work done by a Glamorgan competitor in Class 6.

The Edwin Leonard Memorial Trophy was awarded to Jeremy

Jacobs for the best work done on the day by a Glamorgan competitor.

Glamorgan Farmers Club Trophy was awarded to Edward Thomas (Gileston) for the best work done by a Glamorgan competitor aged 26 or less.

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Penarth hockey firsts make Trophy progress

PENARTH Hockey Club's first XI succeeded where their second XI counterparts failed the week before, progressing comfortably through their Welsh Cup qualifying tournament to secure a return to the semi-final stage later in the season.

The first XI began the campaign to retain their Welsh Trophy title with the now-familiar qualifying competition in Swansea, but had to do so with a number of unfamiliar faces in the line-up as half the usual squad was absent through injury or prior commitments.

As a result, a substantial proportion of the second XI, who had endured a tough preliminary competition just seven days previously, were drafted onto the roster, leading to the cancellation of their scheduled friendly fixture against Cardiff Medics.

The Bears faced hosts Swansea City in the opening fixture of the day, but the fact that they were fielding a weakened side on paper did not show on the pitch. Penarth came out of the blocks quicker than the 'home' side and took an early lead when David Joyce finished off a nice passing move.

A very strong Swansea side was never going to be down for long and their continued press eventually led to a quick equaliser, but Penarth refused to be bowled and 2016 newcomer Andrew Willemite put the Bears back in front by tapping home a Joyce cross.

The close nature of the game was underlined when the two sides went into the interval on level terms after Swansea equalised from the penalty spot, despite Penarth goalkeeper Adam Putt's best efforts to keep the ball from finding the net.

Although the visitors fell behind for the first time early in the second half, they continued to play excellent hockey and were rewarded when Joyce smashed home his second of the game to bring the sides level at 3-3.

With points at a premium in group play, both sides knew that they needed to keep pushing for the winning goal and, with the clock ticking down, it was the Bears that came out on top as Joyce completed his hat-trick with a looping effort into the top corner.

With one win in the bank, Penarth faced

Gwent in their second game knowing that a repeat would see them top the group and face an easier path to the semi-finals, in Cardiff later in the season.

Not to be outdone by Joyce's earlier hat-trick, Ben Croxall grabbed two first half goals to give the Vale side an early platform, before completing his own trio minutes into the second period, beating three defenders and performing a half-pirouette, finishing with his back to goal before hitting the ball between his own legs and into the bottom corner.

The scoring was rounded off by youngster Sam Salisbury, who despite having been called up from the second XI, showed terrific composure to slot the ball past the Gwent 'keeper and record his first goal for the senior side.

Penarth's efforts in the group saw them face Cardiff & Met for a guaranteed place in the semi-finals and, once again, the Bears started quickly.

Joyce made the perfect start by grabbing an early goal, before Croxall added a second and the reigning Trophy champions were able to put the game to bed before the break as summer signing Aaron Fulton-Brown picked the ball up at half way and dribbled through the entire Cardiff defence before slotting into the bottom corner for a memorable first goal for his new side.

The second half saw more of the same and, although Cardiff pulled one back, the Bears added further goals through Croxall and second XI captain Sam Chick to round the game out with a commanding 5-1 victory, ensuring a place on the semi-final stage early next year.

Two Penarth Hockey Club sides are in action this weekend, as league competition gets underway for both the first and second XIs. The senior side, now playing in Conference North following their title-winning promotion last season, travel to face West Wilts, while the seconds, also in a higher division after claiming a championship in 2015-16, host old rivals Cardiff & Met at Stanwell School (start 12 noon).

Penarth Hockey under-11s travelled to Rougemount School, Newport, to make their debut in the South Wales under-11 League at the weekend.

Despite having only two training sessions under their belts, the youngsters proved

highly competitive from the first whistle, starting the mini-tournament superbly against a well-drilled Whitchurch side.

However, as the game headed into the final few minutes, Penarth's lack of experience showed as they lost their shape and conceded two quick goals that condemned them to an unwarranted defeat.

Although disappointed, the boys didn't let their heads drop and put in another determined performance against Gwent B, eventually running out 3-0 winners to restore both pride and morale.

The boost was well-needed too as, after only a few minutes rest, the Cubs were back in action against a very impressive Swansea side. Again, despite a spirited showing, the Vale side were unlucky to lose, going down 2-1 in the dying seconds having led for the majority of the game.

After another brief break, Penarth faced off against Gwent's 'A' side and, once again, their firepower up front ensured that they were able to emulate their earlier score, racking up another 3-0 win.

The final game of the morning pitted Penarth against a rather 'tall' Bridgend side, and the size difference told in the early going as the opposition dominated the first half and were 2-0 up within minutes of the second period getting underway. Penarth refused to go quietly, however, and rallied to put in probably their best performance of the day only to come up short in a 2-1 game.

Overall, it was a highly impressive debut and bodes well for the next league outing, on October 30, at Stanwell school.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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COMBINED SERVICES FALL TO A 'RYDER CUP' DEFEAT!



EVERY September the Combined Services and the Civilians come head-to-head in their Elwyn Parry Ryder Cup tournament.

The competition is the culmination of the season's matches in which 24 golfers have qualified for the event and another eight are captains' wild cards.

The competition originated in 1992 and since then little has changed with the formalities and format – match-play foursomes in the morning and match-play singles in the afternoon, each player having one point available to them for victory in each of their matches.

The players assembled in the clubhouse the evening prior to the competition for the draw which resulted in a challenge that 'on paper' was too close to call.

Both teams were optimistic that they could break the deadlock on the coveted honours board; apart from one year when there was a draw, the Combined Services now have 11 wins to their name and the Civilians, after being victorious last year, also stand at 11.

At exactly 8am, with jokes and light-hearted insults abundant, the first match teed off and the battle commenced, all competitors striding out with purpose.

Elwyn Parry (to whom the tournament is named) had a permanent smile engraved on his face as the Civilian pairings stormed the leaderboard, winning six of the matches and halving the remaining two.

It was the first time in history that the Combined Service team would start the afternoon singles matches with no chance of any of them getting two points alongside their name. Undeterred they were all aware that winning the overall challenge was the main purpose of the event and even though they had a mountain to climb it was still achievable.

As, as the matches concluded, they, and their team captain Gary Bohun, were dismayed to see that the leaderboard was becoming increasingly weighted in favour of their opponents.

It soon became

apparent that the Civilians would have their name on the honours board and their captain, Craig Sherman, was ecstatic to watch them do it in style – match after match returning in with points being added.

For them the afternoon games produced nine wins, only three losses and four matches were halved, resulting in a truly remarkable overall victory, 18-6.

The Combined Service team were gracious in their defeat however they fully supported their captain when he 'threw down' the challenge for 2017 by performing the traditional gauntlet across the face.

Gary was over-exuberant and the gauntlet had been struck before Craig had the chance to accept, so with much hilarity it was declared null and void, forcing a replay of the said challenge, thankfully all captured on video for prosperity!

Formalities finalised it was agreed by all present that the Elwyn Parry Ryder Cup is one of the most significant dates in the club diary.

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The challenge video and all photographs from the day can be found on the club's Facebook page.

For more information please phone 01446 751043.

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Barry Town back to winning ways with a five goal victory

BARRY Town United returned to winning ways at the weekend with a 5-2 triumph over Caldicot Town in Welsh League Division One.

Spurred on by a crowd of 386, Barry defender Luke Cooper connected with a corner to break the deadlock in the ninth minute, scoring his first goal in Town colours since arriving at the club in the summer.

Poetically, Cooper's opener came at the Gladstone Road end of Jenner Park, the same side of the ground that Dave O'Gorman propelled Barry ahead against Aberdeen, 20 years ago to the very day.

As with two decades beforehand, the early goal set the tone for an entertaining 90 minutes, though visitors Caldicot showed far more than their league position might indicate; with hometown Alex Jarman a particular threat, despite spurning a golden opportunity from close range.

Recovering effectively, forward Jarman would be responsible for Caldicot's equaliser in the 25th minute, deftly flicking the ball home from a lowly-planted

free-kick to beat Barry goalkeeper Mike Lewis at the near post.

However, Jarman's achievement was still being announced over the Jenner Park PA system when Barry regained their advantage; newcomer Tyrell Webb finishing from close range after a quickly-taken set-piece, before celebrating with some spectacular acrobatics.

Hitting the crossbar and the post before the first half was out, Barry took their 2-1 advantage into the break and, despite relying on a timely goal to keep the scores level, the second half saw Gavin Chesterfield's side seize command.

Forward TJ Nagi, who had previously struggled with series of injury setbacks, has been one of the club's most exciting players in recent seasons and Nagi showed a glimpse of his prowess with a brisk one-two punch, powering Barry into a seemingly-unassailable 4-1 lead.

Starting at a fourth league defeat in five, Caldicot showed no intent of rolling over though and the Gwent side would reduce the arrears shortly afterwards when Jarman scored his second; firing beyond Lewis, after

running inside from the right.

Nevertheless, this anniversary afternoon would belong to Barry Town and the enthusiastic home crowd would leave with smiles on their faces after substitute Louis Gerrard tapped home their fifth; scoring with what appeared his first touch, following a low cross in from the left.

Saturday's 5-2 victory helped the Town rocket back up the Welsh League Division One table; leaving them level with leaders Goytre on 14 points with an equal plus nine goal difference.

As the season's early contenders begin to stake their claims, Saturday, October 8, serves up what could be Goytre's biggest test to date, in the form of in-form outfit Ton Pentre; the Bulldogs having won in each of their last three Division One outings.

At the same time, Barry will entertain Risca United at Jenner Park (2.30pm), in what is consistently a hard-fought and engaging fixture.

However, the coming week sees cup competition take priority, with the Town travelling to the CCB Centre for Sporting Excellence on Saturday, October 1, for a Welsh Cup first round match with Aberbargoed Buds, before hosting a buoyant Cardiff Metropolitan University at Jenner Park in the Nathaniel MG Cup on Tuesday evening, October 4.

After a difficult start, the Met have won three Welsh Premier League fixtures on the bounce, defeating Llandudno, Newtown and Aberystwyth Town to climb to an impressive fifth place in the national top flight.

As a result, Barry Town will need to be on top of their game when the two sides meet in the expanded Welsh Premier League cup competition; with kick-off at Jenner Park set for 7.45pm and extra-time and penalties to separate the sides, if necessary.

AC

Barry & District Ladies Skittles League round-up

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for September 12 are as follows:

Division 1: Special Angels (R Niblett 25) 214, Pila Palas (V Evans 30) 284; Coppers (S Curtis 36) 324, Red Admiral (L Beswick 33) 335; Colcot Ladies (A Singleton 28) 225, Space Finders (E worthy, K Jackson, C Cushen 28) 288; Allsorts (R Dawe 29) 254, Family Affair (S Wilson 26) 255; cigar Ladies (A McCarthy 30) 298, Bobby's Girls (S Seldon 28) 267.

Division 2: Castle Bandits (J Grant 29) 207, Cad Con Fillies (V Herd 31) 247; Witchill

Widows (M Curry 28) 293, After Eights (D Goddard 37) 284; Rhooose Starlights (K Bryan 25) 254, Breakaways (L Smith 27) 232; Airways Angels (M Carpenter, A Crook 24) 238, Clickies (T Gwilym 31) 235; Merry Makers (H Davies 26) 212, Fallen Angels (T Lawrence 25) 227; SV Lights (M Briscoe 23) 297, Castaways (D Rogers 29) 276.

Division 3: Little Devils (J Jones 26) 232, Rebels (S Oram 23) 174; Westenders (J Canavan 26) 225, Vixens (D Marks 26) 229; Challengers (D Collard 33) 293, Rugby Triers (S Cogbill 31) 281; Upton Girls (L Hobbs 24) 202, Hill Billies (S Aspinall

28) 244; SV Ladies (F Butler 36) 336, La Belles (N cordy 33) 341; Twilights (C Thomas 31) 229, Witches (V Walters 27) 228; Etcetera (M Grashy 28) 244, Dolly Mixtures (L Marsh 25) 242.

Division 4: Living On A Spare (M Pring 32) 304, Optimists (H Ball 31) 308; Boozey Birds (S Vaters, I Penberthy 32) 311, Persuaders (F Organ 31) 311; Socialites (R Hooper 29) 266, Liberals (K Stevens, C Williams, A Boyd, G Shier 26) 233; Guardian Angels (D Ling 21) 192, Witchill Wanderers (J Morrissey 21) 175; Odd Bods (T Corian 29) 192, Hell Raisers (M Nugent 24) 211.

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The teams are looking forward to another great season - if you'd like any further information about the club please contact Kim on 07772 955635.

Barry Seconds' momentum is cut short by Llanishen

BARRY RFC Second Llanishen.

Coach Rhidian Scott and Ken Chow were once again handed a long list of players being unavailable and so were forced to juggle their

resources once more.

The starting line-up showed no less than nine changes from the side that beat Old Penarthians handsomely last time out.

Playing with the elements and slope in their favour, Barry moved to take the advantage in the first interval, and despite a rusty start, which was expected from the number of changes, slowly began to dominate in the tight.

The scrum, in particular, was impressive, but neither side were helped by the official who seemed intent of blowing his whistle at regular intervals with decisions that baffled spectators, coaches and players.

It was Barry who came out on top with these exchanges, and after Tom Adams was denied a try on the touchline by a dangerously high tackle which somehow did not result in a penalty try, Barry recycled the ball and made their territory tell when John Dimond crashed over from close range. Joe McCann was unable to add the extras.

Llanishen showed that they were dangerous with ball in hand, but were made to pay just minutes later when over elaboration saw Luke Bounds intercept from halfway and race clear to score his second try in as many games. McCann stroked over the conversion to hand his side a 12-0 lead.

However, from then on, the momentum swung. After the home side had valiantly held out on their line and McCann cleared the apparent danger, some

non-existent tackling allowed Llanishen to saunter through to score a converted try with not a hand laid on the attacker.

With Cieran Thomas being forced off with a broken thumb, more disruption was brought to the home side and the visitors took full advantage of the confused defensive line to score before the break and take the lead.

With Seb Vidal withdrawn at half-time following possible concussion, and players now playing out of position, a comeback seemed unlikely.

Barry did put on some early pressure in the second half, but as a rolling maul neared the Llanishen line, the official somehow stopped play to award the hosts a penalty, despite Barry looking to gain the advantage by scoring a try.

The penalty came to nothing and some smart, incisive play, combined with some poor tackling, saw Llanishen increase their lead with an unconverted try.

Barry seemed to run out of ideas and would not be able to force an unlikely comeback, and instead it was the visitors who crowned their victory with a fourth try.

Barry second XV visit

St Josephs this weekend.

Team: Hamonda; F

Peake, G Peake, Bounds, Adams; McCann,

Dimond; Hall, Evans, Brown; McTavish (c),

Deyes; Jones, Thomas, Vidal. Replacements:

Turnbull, Hewitson, Leech, substitute not

used: Fortt. Man of the match: Deyes. Referee: M Aherne. KC

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Barry Seconds put opposition to the sword in East District Cup



AFTER a slow start to their season, Barry Second XV travelled the short distance to local rivals Old Penarthians for the first round of the East District Cup, hoping to reverse their fortunes.

Coach Rhidian Scott and caretaker manager Glyn Pirso were boosted by the return of several absentees, and the squad saw a balance of forward power and finesse out wide.

Barry soon found that they had the advantage out wide, and with captain Joel Williams at fly-half pulling the strings, they soon put their hosts to the sword.

This is not to say that the pack were mere bystanders; Barry were also dominant up front with Chris Deyes particularly outstanding, especially in the line out.

Late inclusion Brad White took full advantage of his side's

dominance, running in four tries to add to his personal haul against the same opposition two years ago.

Chris Chucas, on his first start of the season, bagged a brace, while Luke Bounds, another one to play his first game this campaign, also crossed.

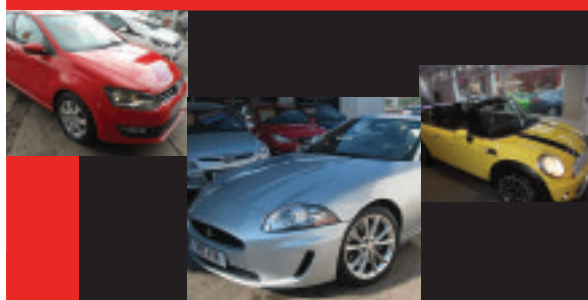
Dylan Robertson bagged himself a try and five conversions before he was withdrawn from the action.

Joel Williams and Dave Evans also crossed the try-line as Barry completed the rout and ease into the next round of the cup competition where they will face Pontyclun away on October 8.

Team: Robertson; C Chucas, White, Bounds, Peake; J Williams (c), Dimond; Hall, Evans, Fort; Deyes, Brooke; Clarke, Thomas, Rolfe.

Replacements: M Williams, Jones, Hewitson, J Chucas, Leech.

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100 per cent start continues for Vale United

VALE UNITED continued their 100 per cent start to the season in this pulsating encounter against a youthful AFC Rhose side.

Vale came into the game having not conceded in three previous games, while Rhose had taken just two points from their opening four games and resided one from bottom of the league.

Vale were once again forced to make changes, with Thomas Hopkin slotting in for the absent Rhys Edwards at right-back, skipper Richard Evans returning to partner Steve Harris at centre back and the fit-again Phil Caseley returning to the boiler house.

There were also recalls for target man, Nathan Jenkins and Jay Tominey in the front three, as Vale looked to extend their perfect start to the campaign.

The afternoon got off to an awful start for the hosts, with Rhose taking an unexpected lead inside the first 30 seconds.

Some hesitant defending allowed the ball to bobble through to the Rhose number 10, who managed to poke the ball under the advancing Gerwyn Teague and into the corner of the net.

It was a fairy-tale start for the visitors, though scoring so early can often prove to be more of a hindrance to some teams, not knowing whether to stick or twist on their quick-fire start.

Vale's free flowing football, which has catapulted them to the top of the league, was sadly lacking in the opening exchanges, but their battling qualities were the for all to see and it was these qualities that led to the equaliser.

Some tenacious work down the right hand side by Tominey, saw him clip a beautiful ball over the top of the experienced Rhose centre back for Nathan Jenkins to latch on to, the frontman applying the finishing touch with a deft lob over the stranded visiting 'keeper.

It was another goal to add to the rugged forward's scrapbook in an impressive debut season following his move from Bryncae.

The goal denied Rhose's self-belief and Vale started to get a foothold in the game, finally beginning to play the exciting brand of football which has served them so well, so far, this season.

They came close not long after, a superb, drilled cross from the left-hand side by Jack Dummett just about evading everyone in the box and going behind for a goal-kick.

However, the second home goal wasn't long in coming, this time coming from the penalty spot after some clever work from Dummett saw him taken from behind in the box, leaving the referee no choice but to award the penalty and the defender lucky to escape further action.

It was once again up to skipper, Richard Evans, to take the spot-kick and for the third time in four attempts this season, he slotted the ball home comfortably to give the home team a well-deserved lead.

Vale mounted wave after wave of attack in the hope of doubling their lead before half time, with the returning Phil Caseley and Matt Hobbs the creative influences and Joe Williams his usual, all action self but they were unable to grab a third goal before half time and went into the half-time interval satisfied with what they had, especially after the shock of trailing so early on in proceedings.

The hosts came out after half time hoping to pick up where they left off but were unable to replicate the tempo and quality of football they had shown in glimpses in the final 15 minutes of the first half, whilst also looking untroubled at the back.

With the next goal likely to be crucial to the outcome of the game, neither team seemed happy to take any risks and it became increasingly likely that a set-piece would provide the next goal and so it proved.

Some more selfless work from hefty centre-forward, Nathan Jenkins, saw him clipped on the edge of the box and for the second week running, midfield lynchpin, Matt Hobbs produced an exquisite free-kick that flew over the wall and nestled in the top right-hand corner of the 'keeper's net.

This was as good as it got for United, uncharacteristic errors throughout the team putting themselves under pressure, though the drive and commitment from each player was still on show for all to see, numerous last ditch tackles and blocks ensuring they kept their two goal advantage for the majority of the half, although Rhose did pull a goal back with 10 minutes to go.

Some slack marking in the hosts box saw the visitors' number 6 head home unchallenged from 10 yards out.

It very rarely looked like kick-starting a memorable comeback, however, and Vale saw out the rest of the game in rather comfortable fashion and in turn maintaining their 100 per cent start to the season.

GT

Presidents XIII too strong for Lionhearts

IN the first game of a brand new Welsh representative side, created to bridge the gap between the full international side and the Wales Dragonhearts, the Wales Presidents XIII eventually eased to a win over West of England Lionhearts, but not without the odd scare over the 80 minutes.

The Welsh players came from all over the nation, from North Wales Crusaders to South Wales Ironmen and a number of the top community clubs, all wearing the shorts and socks of their club side, and they took on an equally broadly representative side from south-west England's community clubs.

And it was the English who took the lead despite some early pressure for the Welsh, Joe Uren going over in the corner, but Jamie Deal failed to land the conversion.

Wales soon hit back, Rhys Gant, fresh from winning a trophy at the South Wales Scorpions'

awards night hours early, made a clean break and scored under the sticks.

Mike Hurley easily converted to make the score 6-4, and following a short break due to an injury, Wales further increased their lead. Dean Higgs going over from dummy half and Hurley making it 12-4.

With his first touch of the ball after coming on as a sub, Harry Boots was sent in under the sticks for Wales' third try. Hurley's kick made it 18-4.

West of England hit back following an error in the Wales backline. The former Cardiff Demons centre and Malta international Paul Bartlett took advantage by scoring just short of the left corner. A great kick brought the score back to 18-10.

But the Welsh addressed the balance before the interval when Lewis Hughes was sent over in the corner. Hurley sliced the kick wide but the Welsh had a healthy two try lead.

West of England took first blood in the second half with Kyle Phillips scoring in the corner and

Deal missing the kick, the score being brought back to 22-14.

The Welsh hit back straight away with Ethan Coombes using his strength to score on the right centre. Hurley's conversion attempt hit the post and went in, to give his side a 14-point lead.

A try under the sticks for Shane Lee, converted by Hurley extended the advantage further. Morgan Jeffries scored the next but it was a touch of class from Gant and Josh Stafford-Smith that gave him the try near to the sticks and the Hurley goal bringing the score up to 40-14.

Jeffries soon went over again for a good individual effort with Hurley nicely placing the goal through the black dot, but his West Wales Raiders team-mate couldn't join him in a brace, Boots fumbled whilst under pressure when diving for the line.

They reached the 50 with the last play of the game. Lee Goddard setting up Dean Higgs to go under the posts and Gant adding the final points with the conversion, the final score 52-14.

IG

CAVC rugby team defeat the champions

CARDIFF and Vale College's Rugby Academy team has secured a 15-14 win over reigning champions Coleg y Cymoedd in the final round of qualification matches in the WRU under-18 Midweek League.

Previously unbeaten in 28 games, Coleg y Cymoedd finished the first half 14-0 in the lead but the visitors from CAVC hit back in the second.

Centre Dafydd Smith and replacement full back Tony Lamerton both scored tries, one of

which was converted by outside half Ben Thomas, who also landed the last minute penalty which took the final score to 15-14.

CAVC director of rugby, Martyn Fowler, said: "The wins puts us ahead of year two in our five-year strategy and it's particularly pleasing as Cymoedd have not lost a game in the league going back 28 matches to October 2012.

"For that length of time they have set the benchmark for us and everyone else in Wales, if not the UK. We now have to make results like this the norm and not the exception - and then we'll be happy!"

Your chance to play hockey!

PENARTH Hockey Club launch Primary Outreach Scheme to promote hockey in primary schools in Penarth and the Vale.

Following the success of the GB Ladies Hockey team at the Rio Olympics, Penarth Men's Hockey Club, with support from Community Chest, have launched an initiative to promote and support the take up and on going development of hockey in primary schools in Penarth and across the Vale.

The scheme entails the provision of kit, coaching and coach training for teachers in the schools and the on going support for teachers and participants in terms of skills uplift.

The aims of the initiative are - to increase the number of primary aged children enjoying hockey; to increase

coaching standards; to increase junior club membership; to support kids having fun through hockey in a safe environment.

The first phase covering five primary schools is already underway and further phases will bring more and more schools in to the scheme.

Further information on the scheme for schools and parents can be obtained from Judith Powell (judepowell2307@hotmail.co.uk) or David Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk).

In the meantime, Penarth Hockey Club training continues every Wednesday at Stanwell School, 6.15pm-7.15pm for juniors from six-years-old, 7pm-8.15pm for seniors.

JP

New pool league launch a success

THE Vale of Glamorgan Pool League would like to thank THE GEM for its help in launching this new Thursday night venture.

There's been a surprising high level of interest in only the first two weeks of this venture.

The aim of this league is to promote 8 ball pool and establish not one, but two county teams to play in the welsh pool association interleague.

Plans are in place for a competition in Barry for the best players to compete against each other in a very competitive tournament.

The best players going forward to play for the two county teams. We have known for a long time, this area is blessed with some outstanding

pool and snooker players.

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Chris Bardsley and Ryan Rowlands are two players who quickly spring to mind.

For those who have not signed up yet, there's plenty of time to do so.

Here's a list of local pubs looking for one more team to join the league: the Master Mariner, Tadross Hotel, the Castle, Fizz Bar, the Liberals, the Buccaneer, the Savoy snooker club, the Sea View, Finnegan's, Ship Hotel and Fontygary Inn and the Sully Sports club, all wanting one more team to join the league.

Any enquiries please text Joe on 07870 498 738 or email valeofglamorganpoolleague@gmail.com.

JB

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for September 20:

1st Mike Close & Kay Dyer 60.00%; 2nd Mick Green & Sean Macdougall 58.75%; 3rd Helen Jordan & Judith Owen 57.50%.

Helen Jordan and Judith Owen won on handicap. New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

VALE United remain undefeated and sit six points clear at the top of the Premier Division as they continued their perfect start to the season with a 3-2 win over Rhose.

Cowbridge Town got their first league win of the campaign with a stunning 5-1 demolition of Barry Athletic in somewhat of a surprise result.

Elsewhere, St Athan and Penarth Town kept in touch with the leaders, St Athan edging out Tynnewydd 2-1 while Penarth were in seventh heaven as they won 7-2 against Masons Moving Group. Dinas Athletic won a tight affair 3-2 against Island Marine.

In the First Division, Barry Belgrade became the new league leaders with a 3-0 victory over Cadroxton Athletic while FC Pumas were held 1-1 by Dockers. Barry Athletic B saw off Sully Sports 5-2.

Second Division leaders Cadroxton Imps

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Sea View Lads angling results

RECENT fishing competitions have enjoyed mixed support but some good fishing has been enjoyed by those making the effort to turn up.

The same goes for the boat section where some good fishing is on tap.

As ever, then social side of the club continues to be active with a successful trip to Weymouth recently being held where anglers weighed in 12 different species, including fish that we rarely see locally such as black bream, garfish and mackerel.

The first leg of the Golden Maggot was won by Aida Harris, Mike Langford took second with Mike Kerslake in

third. All to fish for on the second leg since you would only be chasing four species!

The autumn species are in so there is plenty to fish for and winter is around the corner so dust off those rods and come along for a session!

RESULTS

September 21: 1st P Coles 11b 2oz, September 18: 1st P Crook 9lb 2oz, 2nd P Coles 3lb 6oz, 3rd A Harris 13oz.

September 11: 1st A Harris 7lb 07, 2nd K Salah 6lb 12.

August 28: 1st A Harris 26lb 11oz, 2nd K Salah 13lb 5oz, 3rd C Mcinery 10lb 15oz, 4th P Coles 10lb 4oz, 5th P Crook 9lb 7oz, 6th M Langford 5lb 5oz, August 24: 1st M Langford 7lb 7oz, 2nd S Doble 4lb 2oz.

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Barry RFC edge nine try thriller against Aberdare

ABERDARE, newly promoted this season, were the visitors at the Reservoir Field last Saturday and helped provide a highly competitive nine try feast which saw Barry clinch their first win of the season as they won by 32 points to 30.

As the scoreline suggests the result was in doubt until the final whistle but overall Barry just deserved it on the day.

It was the visitors who began the better with their open style of play causing problems for the Barry defence and it was no surprise when they took an early lead with an unconverted try.

After taking a ball against the head Barry somehow contrived to lose the ball, and with the defence out of position Aberdare took advantage to score through some poor Barry tackling.

The visitors maintained the upper hand as Barry paid the price for some unforced errors but Barry's defence improved and avoided conceding any

further points as the first quarter passed.

Barry were trying to open the game out themselves and things began to look promising as the solid scrum platform was giving the backs the chance to attack.

Several forays into visitors territory had come to nothing but finally they were rewarded when a break by Perry saw the home defence unable to stop his barnstorming run as he crashed over the line for a try which was converted by Lee to give them the lead.

Minutes later it was the visitors turn to score a try as a poor Barry clearance allowed them to scythe through the Barry defence to score easily, the conversion was unsuccessful.

This setback seemed to unhinge Barry as basic errors crept into their game allowing Aberdare to do what they did best, and attack from everywhere.

They were made to pay the price minutes later as a Barry clearance failed to make touch and let the visitors in for their third try again unconverted but a lead of 15-7.

As well as being dangerous on attack the Aberdare defence was equally as good and Barry were finding it difficult to break down despite several attempts.

It needed a fine 45 yard penalty from Lee to break the deadlock to reduce the deficit. At this stage the Barry scrum were getting the upper hand keeping the visitors on the back foot and defending in their own half.

Aberdare were forced to face three scrums near their line as Barry applied the pressure and on the last of these the recycled ball saw Evans cross for a well worked try which although unconverted brought the scores level right on half-time at 15-15.

It was hoped that with the breeze and slope in their favour and superiority up front Barry could make these advantages count as the second half began.

However what a second half the supporters of both sides were in for as both sides attacked and counterattacked for an exciting 40 minutes of rugby.

Aberdare were quickly into their stride running

everything just as they had begun the game and threatened early on only to concede a penalty which took play into their 22.

A scrum led to a lineout with the ball finding Williams whose deft pass saw White able to cross for a try which Lee converted with a fine kick.

Back came the visitors and they came close to scoring only being stopped by a last ditch tackle into touch.

The see-saw match continued with a break from White being halted at one end whilst the visitors came close at the other.

Barry changed tactics for a while by using the forwards to drive and whilst not successful in terms of points had the desired effect of tiring the visitors pack which would prove valuable later.

The game had been played at a hectic pace throughout and this began to tell on players of both sides as substitutions were made.

Barry were now playing most of the game in the opponents half by playing a territorial game making Aberdare attack from deep. They were to go further ahead as they won a penalty which when kicked by Lee put Barry in the lead by 25-15 with only 12 minutes left.

This was reduced seconds later as Barry transgressed and Aberdare kicked the penalty, seven points the difference. Barry went back on the attack following a penalty, but Aberdare counter ed reaching the 22 before spreading the ball to cross wide out for an

unconverted try. Two points the difference with six minutes left!

From the kick-off Barry got a scrum and moved forward to create another scrum. With the visitors' eight under extreme pressure Barry tightened the screw and forced Aberdare into conceding a penalty try which Lee converted to bring the score to 32-23 and only a couple of minutes to go.

The restart was not controlled by Barry and as the ball was lost forward Aberdare took advantage to score a converted try to bring the game to within two points as injury time was being played.

Aberdare were able to launch one last ditch attack as the restart didn't go 10 yards, but with a final knock-on the referee's whistle went to end a really entertaining game of rugby which was a credit to both sets of players.

A tight game but a first, all-important, win for Barry and one which will hopefully do their confidence some good.

Once again the side's character came through in a game in which it was really needed, and if games were measured by effort this group of players wouldn't lose many.

Another tough game this week sees the team away to Pontyclun on Saturday with a coach leaving the club at 12.30pm.

This weeks lottery numbers were 06, 07, 08 and 15 - no winners again, so the jackpot rolls over to £2,660 this week. AJ

Honours even for Dinas Powys ladies in goalfest!

This game against Cardiff City Development is one that Dinas Powys Ladies will look back on as two points dropped.

Dinas started the brighter pressing high and looking to work in the right areas. On seven minutes Taylor Page unleashed a fine 25-yard strike into the top corner to give the home side the lead.

This didn't last long as keeper Lea Phillips let a shot spill between her legs and the Cardiff forward tapped in from five yards.

Dinas brushed themselves down and pushed on and the game opened up.

Cardiff always looked to play out and they were punished when the in-form Laura May Lewis nicked the ball high up and found Laura Murray, who showed her class with a rasping finish from a tight angle.

Again the home side failed to shut the visitors out as the pacey Cardiff youngsters managed to get in behind to draw level. Murray thought she had restored the lead but failed to connect to a Laura May Lewis cross.

The home side's back four - normally a reliable and organised unit - looked very shaky at times and failure to deal with the first ball was causing a lot of problems.

Looking to see the half out, Lea Phillips was adjudged to not have both hands on the ball and the Cardiff forward

nipped in to give them a 3-2 lead at the break.

Following a right royal dusting down and some honest words the second half saw the home side show the desire and spirit that had been lacking for a lot of the first 45 minutes.

Cat O'Connell and Emma Lewis replaced the fullbacks and Kelly Tuck dropped into centre half.

Alex Allen and Steaphanie Garner-Joel moved into the middle of the park to give the home side some real bite.

Jodi Bowles replaced Lea Phillips in goals as her hand injury was too bad to carry on.

What happened next was a credit to these girls as they showed what a strong unit they have become in just a few months.

This wasn't a half for pretty football, it was all about who wanted it and the home team went about their business with real passion.

Dinas piled on the pressure but the young Cardiff team stood very strong and looked very lively on the break as they never switched from trying to play.

Gemma Crowley, LS

Barry RFC youth dominate Dinas Powys

AFTER a few weeks without a fixture Barry RFC youth welcomed Dinas Powys who were an unknown quantity in their first season in the youth league.

From the kick-off Barry showed dominance and were able to take the game by the scruff of the neck. The Barry pack worked tirelessly which gave the backline the platform they needed to finally show what they were capable of.

Apart from one lapse in concentration which allowed Dinas Powys to score from a quick penalty, Barry dominated the half and were comfortably 36-7 up at half-time.

Barry were able to make a few changes at

Laura Murray and Steaphanie Garner-Joel all thought they had scored but Cardiff managed to clear off the line.

As the clock ran down young Molly Chapman was in the right spot at the right time to head home the equaliser.

Rachel Beare and Vicki Ellison went back on as Cat O'Connell and Emma Lewis had done their jobs very well.

As Lewis was getting more joy down the right Dinas introduced Page again, who ghosted in at the back post with five minutes remaining to put the home side 4-3 in the lead.

Cardiff always looked threatening and played some great stuff at times, and with two minutes left a hopeful ball opened the Dinas defence up for the Cardiff striker to coolly finish.

The final score was 4-4 in what was a very entertaining game.

This just shows how much the home side has come on in a few months, as last season Cardiff finished worthy runners-up and Dinas finished second from bottom.

Barry & District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons 6, Liberals 9; Wyndham Cons 6, Moors Boys 9; West End Runaways 6, Rhose Social 9.

League table: Liberals 35, West End Runaways 25, Wyndham Cons 24, Moors Boys 23, Cadoxton Cons 21, Rhose Social 20, West End 17.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Allsorts 7, Rhose Social C 0; Slammers 2, King William XII 5; Rhose Social A 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Liberals C 7, Liberals A 0; Rhose Social 5, Barries Boys 2; Rhose Social B 6, Rugby Club 1.

League table: Rhose Social A 13, West End C 12, Barries Boys 12, Rhose Social B 12, Sea View B 11, Allsorts 11, Rhose Social 11, King William XII 10, West End D 9, Liberals C 9, Rugby Club 8.5, Liberals A 8, Rhose Social C 5, Slammers 5, Cambrian Flyers 3.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Savoy A 5, Rhose Social C 0; Penarth Cons A 0, Harbour B 5; Rhose Social B 4, Wyndham Cons A

1; Penarth Cons B 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; West End C 1, Services Social B 4.

League table: Harbour B 16, Savoy A 15, Cadoxton Cons B 12, Cadoxton Cons Z 9, Wyndham Cons A 9, Rhose Social B 8, Rhose Social C 8, Penarth Cons A 7, Services Social B 5, Penarth Cons B 4, West End C 2.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Wyndham Cons C 4, Sully Sports A 1; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Market Street B 3; West End B 2, Savoy B 3; Market Street C 4, West End A 1; Wyndham Cons D 1, Liberators 4.

League table: Savoy B 14, Liberators 13, Wyndham Cons C 11, Harbour A 10, Cadoxton Cons A 9, Sully Sports A 9, Market Street B 8, Market Street C 7, West End B 7, West End A 7, Wyndham Cons D 5 (* = points deducted).

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